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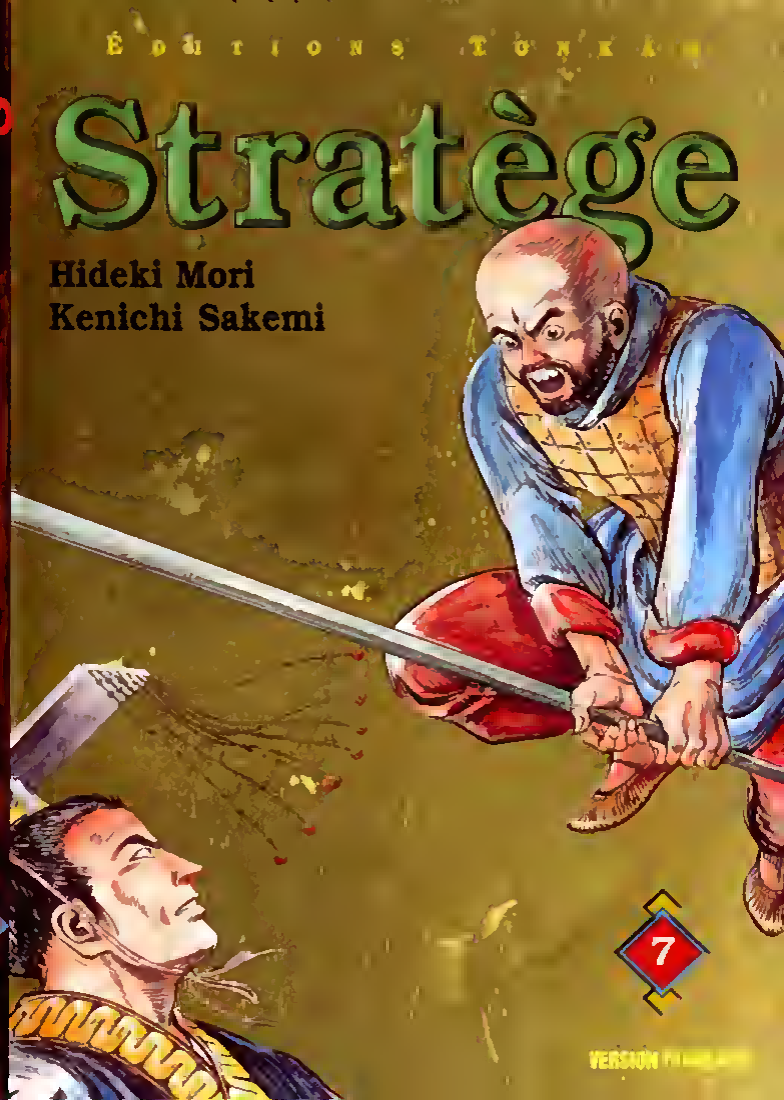

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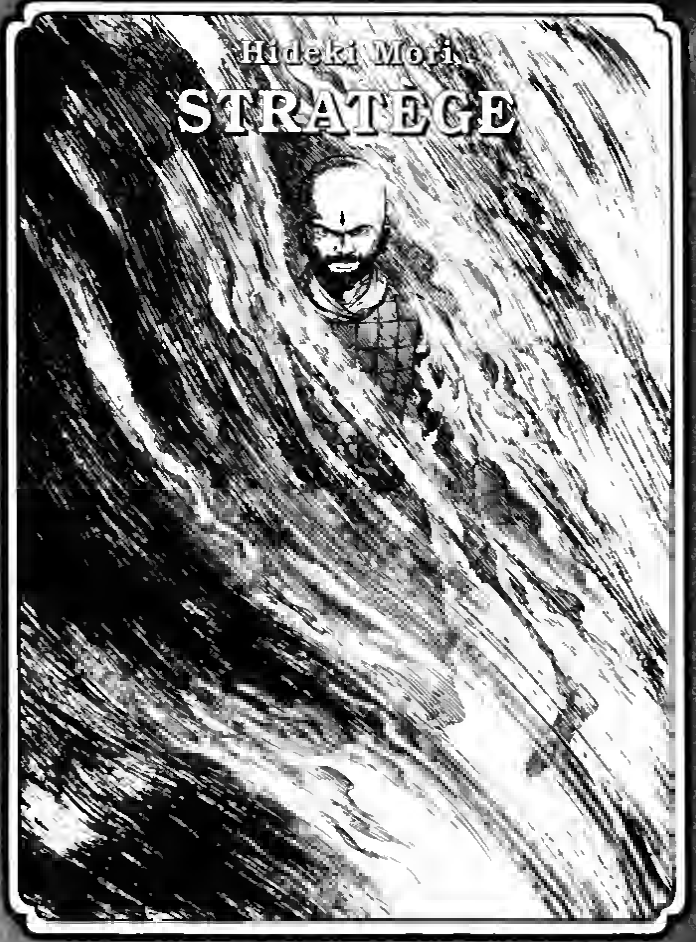
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CHAPTER 01
THE AMBUSH

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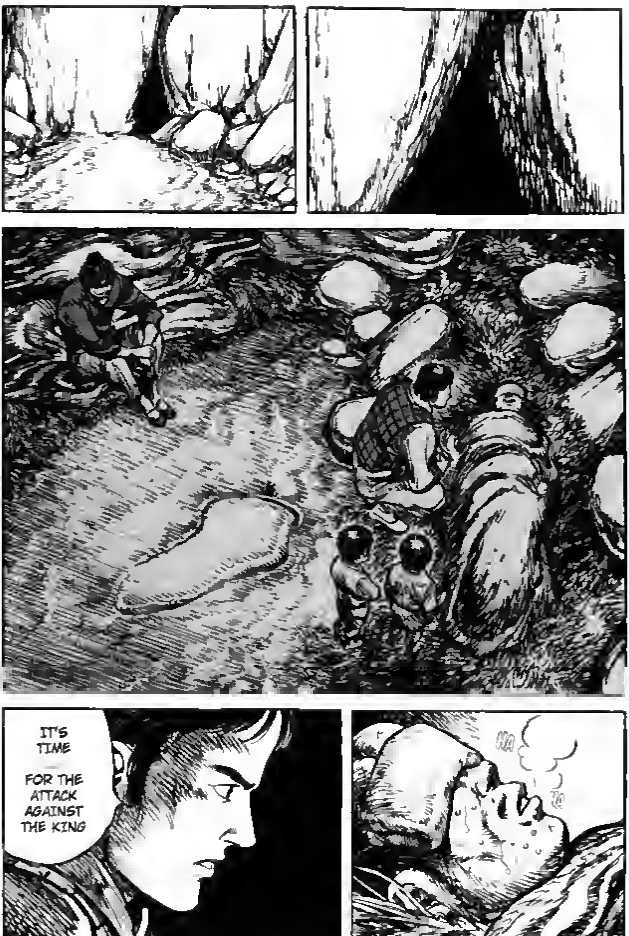
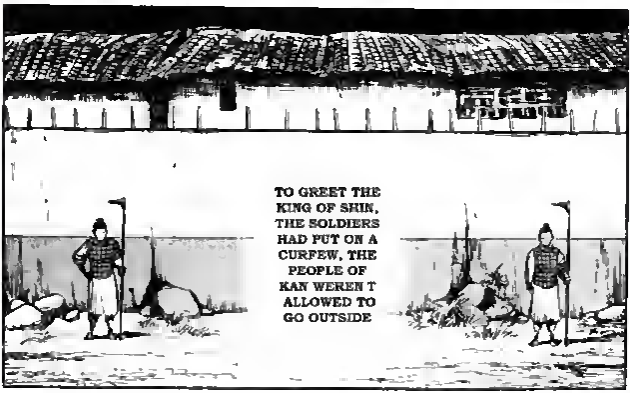

IT'S TIME
FOR THE ATTACK AGAINST THE KING
HA
HA

I'LL BE IN CHARGE OF THE ATTACK. YOU JUST STAY HERE AND REST, I'LL FIGHT IN YOUR PLACE!
YOU STAY HERE AND LOOK AFTER KOBU
IF THE ENEMY GETS HERE, YOU WILL HAVE TO DEFEND THE CHILDREN!

I'LL BLOCK THE OPENING FROM OUTSIDE.
IT'S IMPORTANT THAT YOU DON'T GO OUTSIDE, NOT EVEN TO PEE!

LET'S GO!

THE TIME HAD COME, KAKURI AND THE CHILDREN, HEAVILY PACKED, LEFT TOWARDS THE LOCATION WHERE THE ATTACK WAS ABOUT TO TAKE PLACE


TO GREET THE KING OF SHIN, THE SOLDIERS HAD PUT ON A CURFEW, THE PEOPLE OF KAN WEREN T ALLOWED TO GO OUTSIDE

NOW, KOBU, THE HEAD OF "THE RATS", HAS ESCAPED!
IT'S ALL YOUR FAULT! WE ONLY PUT YOU IN CHARGE BECAUSE YOU SAID THAT KAKURI HAD JOINED "THE RATS" FROM NOW ON, DON'T INTERFERE WITH OUR SEARCH!

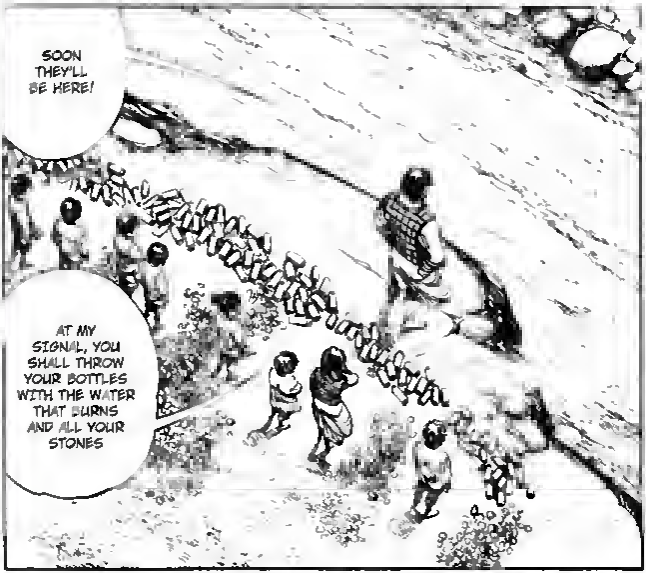
OH
OH
OH
I MUST DEFEND THE KING BY ALL MEANS!
EVEN THE SLIGHTEST ERROR, AND MY HEAD FLIES!
CHIEF, CHIEF!
WHEN WE WERE SEARCHING ALONG THE ROYAL ROUTE,
WE FOUND BOWS AND ARROWS HIDDEN IN THE GRASS!
WHAT?

WELL DONE!
NOW WE KNOW WHERE THEY'LL ATTACK!
WE DIDN'T SEE ANYONE
BUT ACCORDING TO THE NUMBER OF WEAPONS, "THE RATS" SHOULD BE NO MORE THAN TEN PEOPLE!
TEN
THEN, WE HAVE BEEN SEARCHING FOR NO MORE THAN TEN MEN THE ENTIRE TIME
OKAY! AS SOON AS YOU FIND "THE RATS", CATCH THEM!

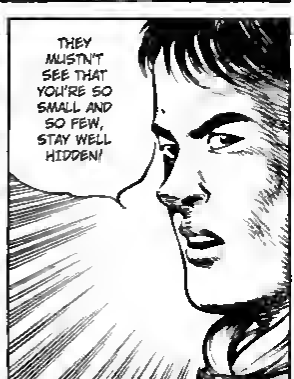
KAKURI HAD PLACED THE WEAPONS IN THE GRASS

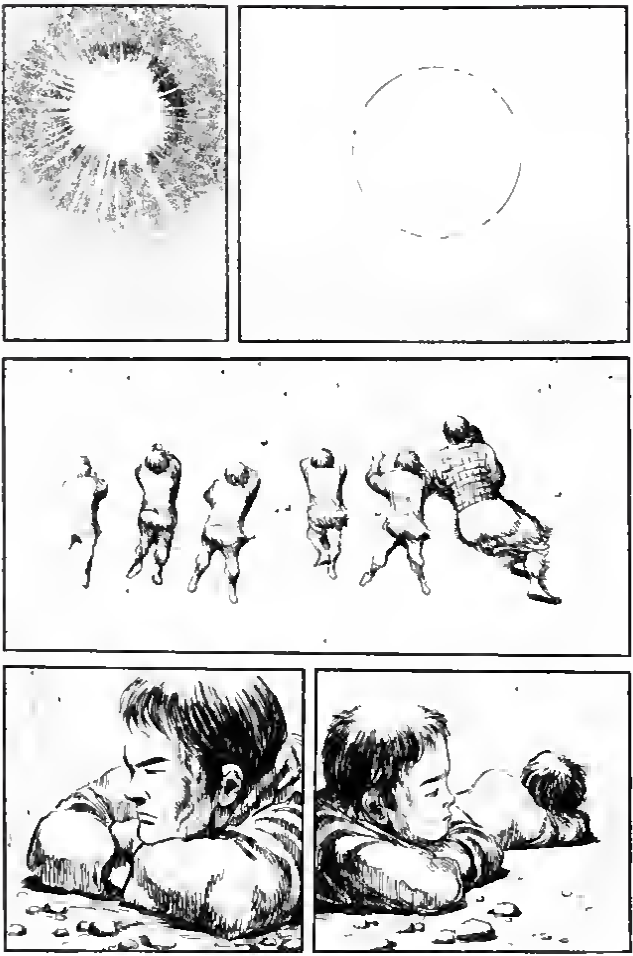
IT WAS A TRICK HE USED TO SLOW DOWN THE SOLDIERS OF SHIN S SEARCH

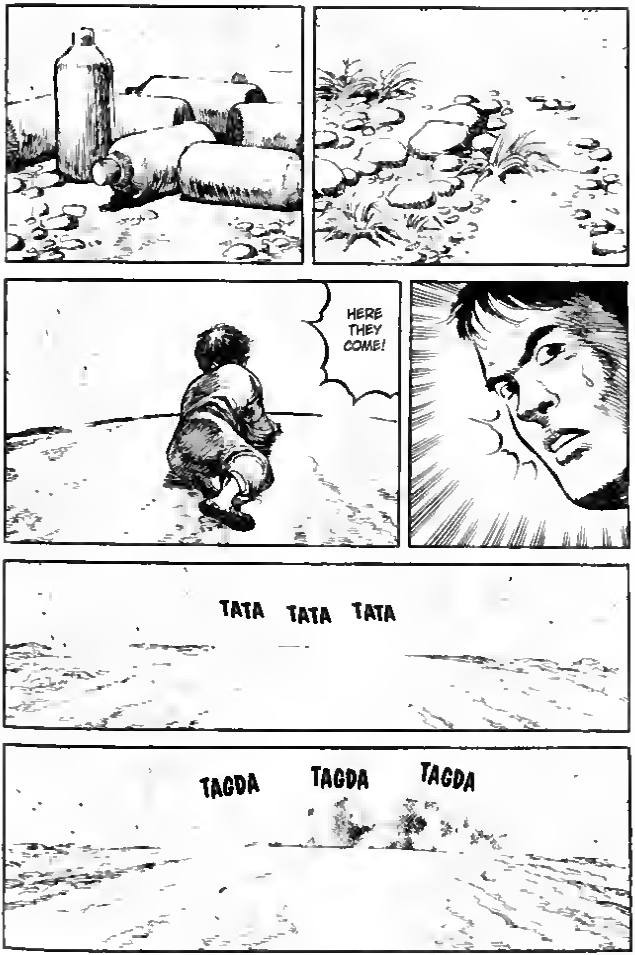
THE REAL PLACE THAT KAKURI HAD CHOSEN WAS 10 KM FURTHER UP THE ROAD, BETWEEN TWO BIG CLIFFS

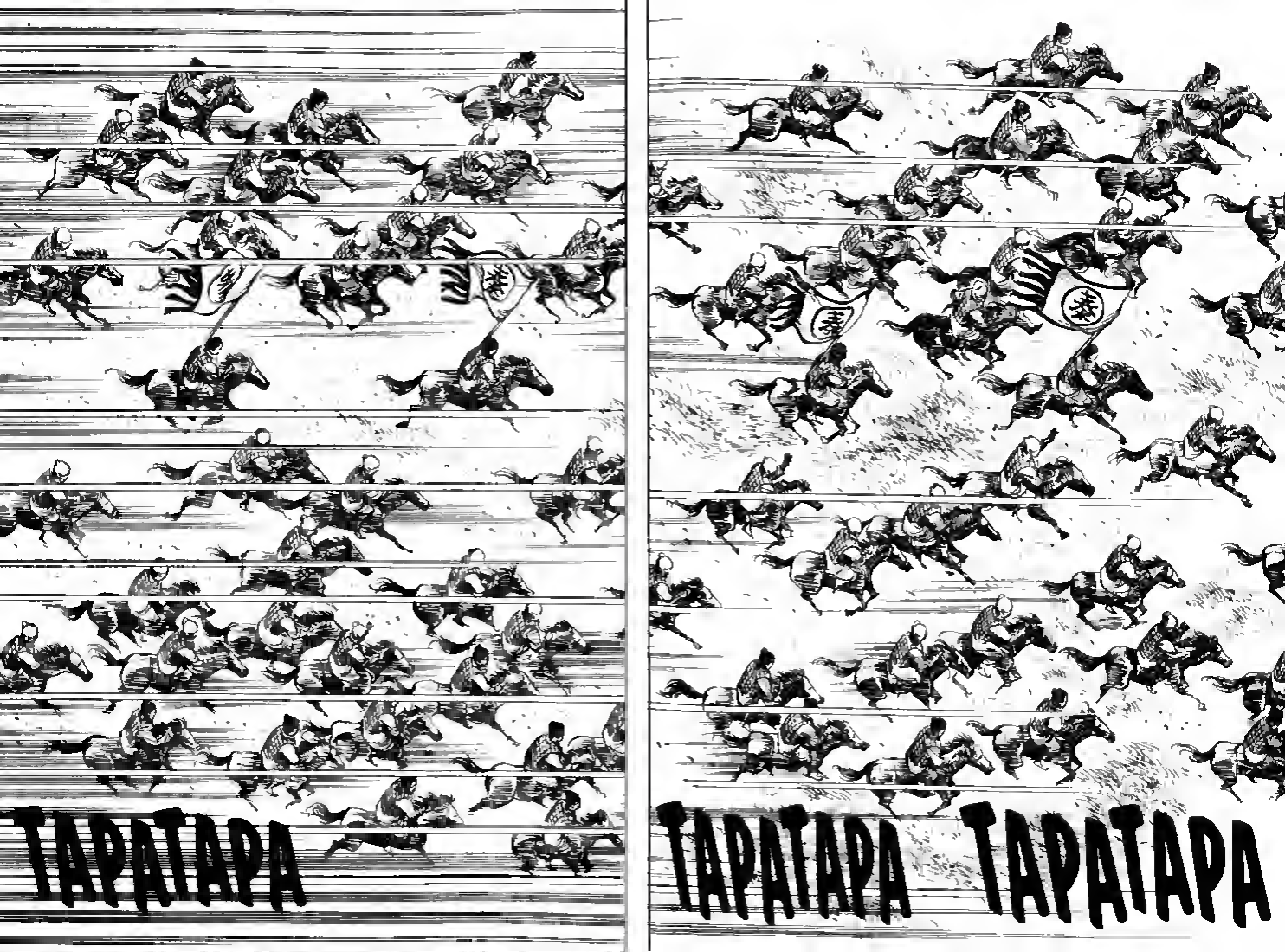

SOON THEY'LL BE HERE!
AT MY SIGNAL, YOU SHALL THROW YOUR BOTTLES WITH THE WATER THAT BURNS AND ALL YOUR STONES

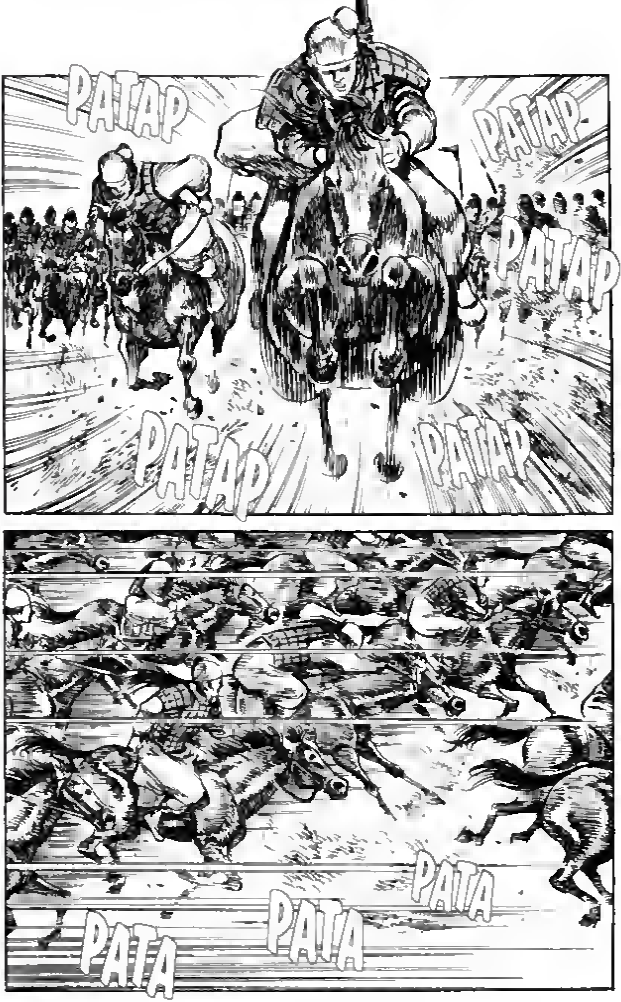
I'VE ALREADY TOLD YOU THIS BUT NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS, DO NOT SHOW YOURSELVES


THEY MUSTN'T SEE THAT YOU'RE SO SMALL AND SO FEW, STAY WELL HIDDEN!




HERE THEY COME!
TATA TATA TATA
TACDA TACDA TACDA


TAPATAPA
TAPATAPA TAPATAPA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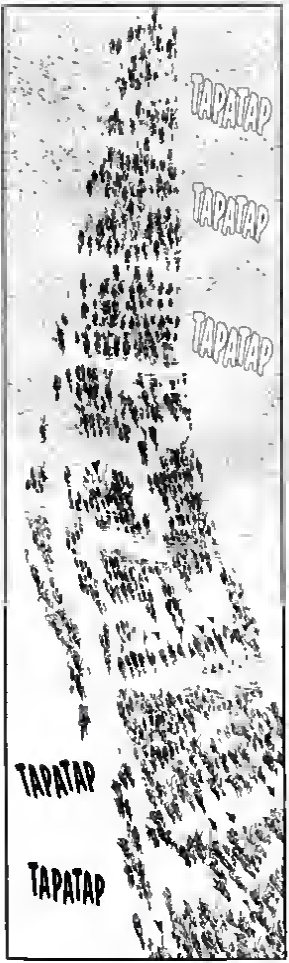
PATA
PATA
PATA


TAPATAP
TAPATAP
TAPATAP
TAPATAP
TAPATAP

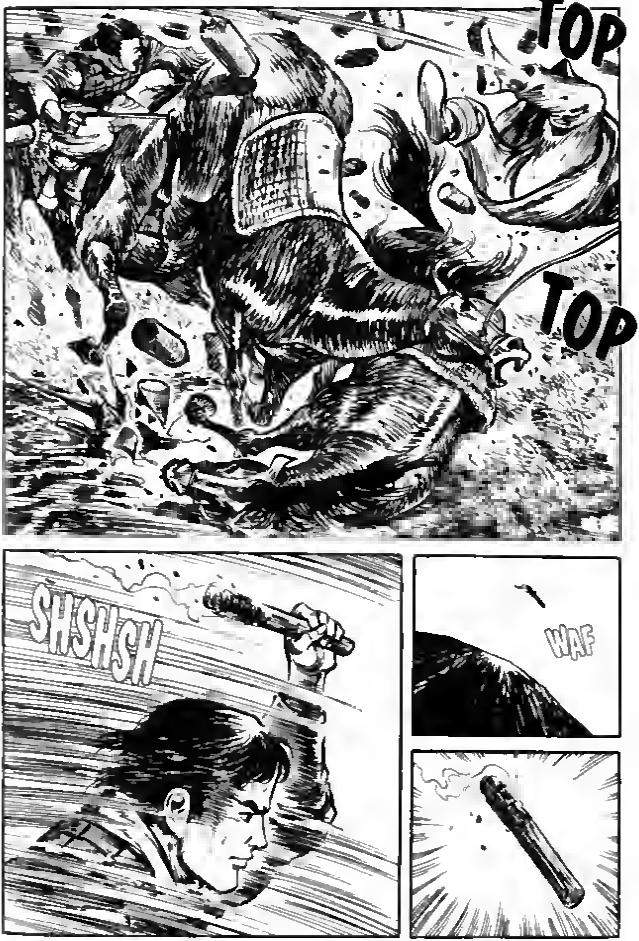
PATA
PATA

PATA
PATA
PATA

THE KING'S SOME-WHERE AMONG THEM!

NOW! THROW YOUR BOTTLES!

PAUSH
PATA
BOUM
PATA
PATA
PATA
PATA
PATA
WHAT'S GOING ON?!?
TAPATA
TAPATA
TAPATA
NYAAH!


TOP
TOP
SHSHSH
WAF

PLOF
WAOUF
KYA AAAA AAAA ARH!
Wawouf

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CHAPTER 02

THE KING OF SHIN'S HEAD

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TAPATA
TAPATA
TAPATA
GLOU
GLOU
GLA
GLA
THROW!
SHSHSH

TAPATA
TAPATA
TAPATA
KEEP ON THROWING!
SHSHSH

IT'S AN AMBUSH!
PATA
TAPATAP
PATA
PATAPA
PATAPA
KYA AAA AAH !!!

TAP
PATAP
TAPA
HI
HI
HI
FLOOP

OUA
AAH!
WOOOOH

THERE'S NO MORE BOTTLES LEFT!
DOESN'T MATTER, JUST KEEP THROWING STONES!
AND DON'T FORGET NOT TO SHOW YOURSELVES!
CLAC
CLAC
OUA AAA RGH !!!

FLOP
GYA AAH!

CLIMB THE ROCKS!

CHIEF! OVER THERE, SMOKE!

SHIT! THEY'RE UNDER ATTACK!

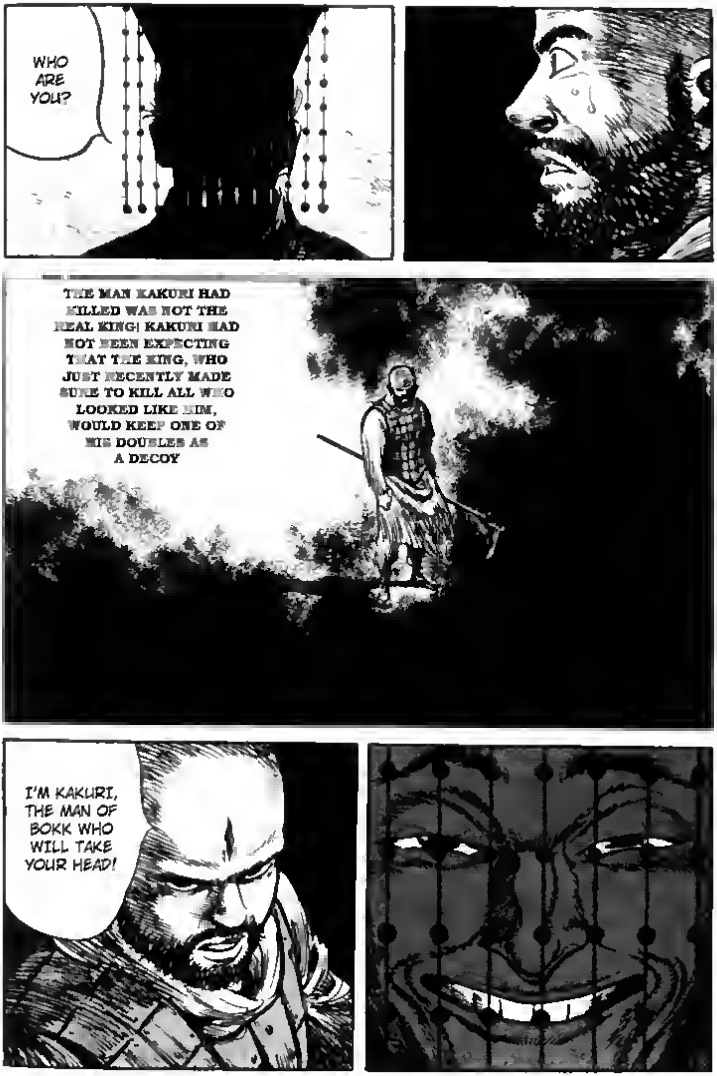
THE KING OF SHIN!
TAPATAP
TA
PA
TAP
KAKURI, YOU MUST SUCCEED!

WOOOOH
VLAM

OOOH
OOOH
OOOH

ZZZAH
OUAH

FLOP
TAPATAP
TAPATAP


WHO ARE YOU?
THE MAN KAKURI HAD KILLED WAS NOT THE REAL KING! KAKURI HAD NOT BEEN EXPECTING THAT THE KING, WHO JUST RECENTLY MADE SURE TO KILL ALL WHO LOOKED LIKE HIM, WOULD KEEP ONE OF HIS DOUBLES AS A DECOY
I'M KAKURI, THE MAN OF BOKK WHO WILL TAKE YOUR HEAD!

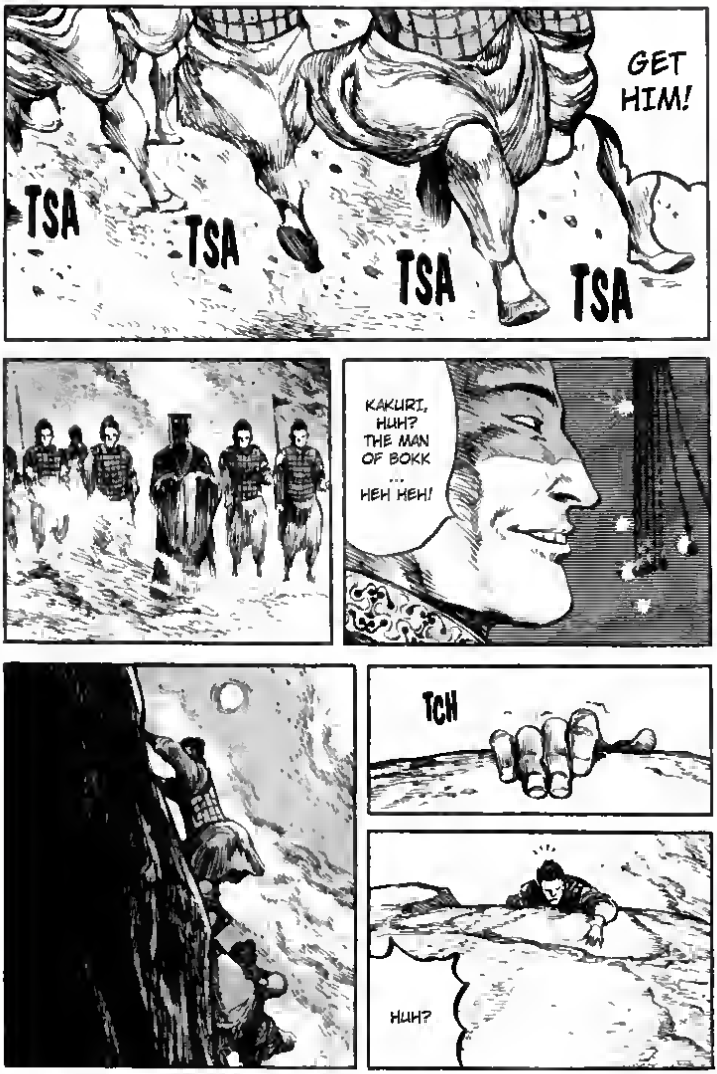
WOOOOH
WOOOOH

STOP HIM!

DZA
DZA
DZA
DZA
DZA

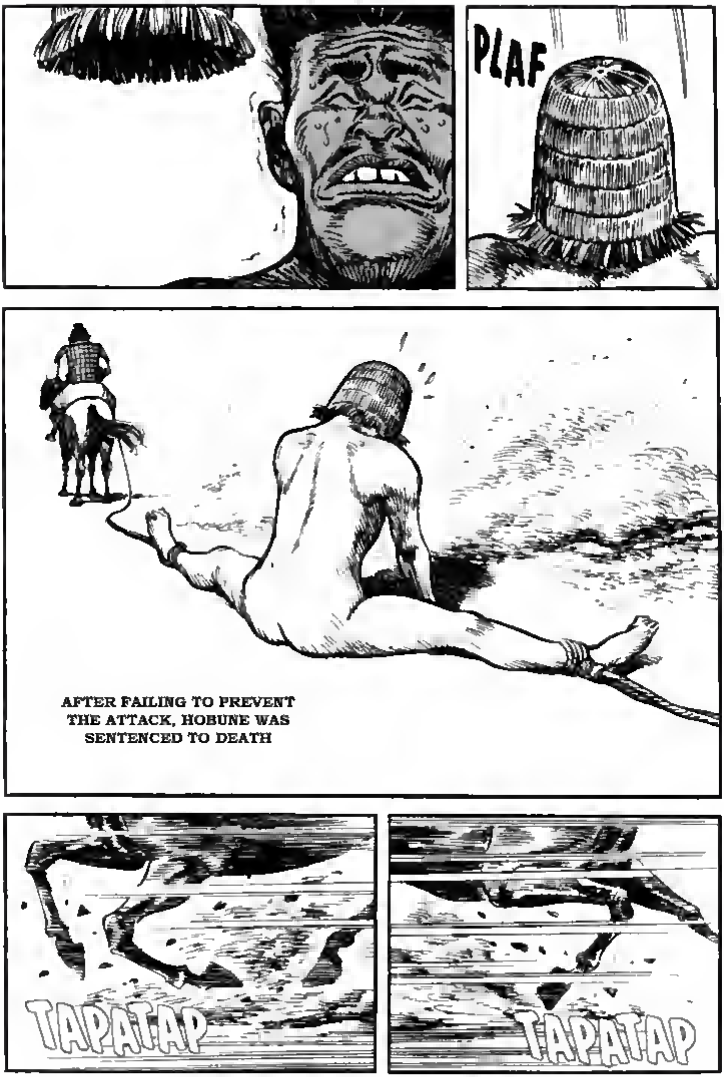
HOOOOH
HOOOOH

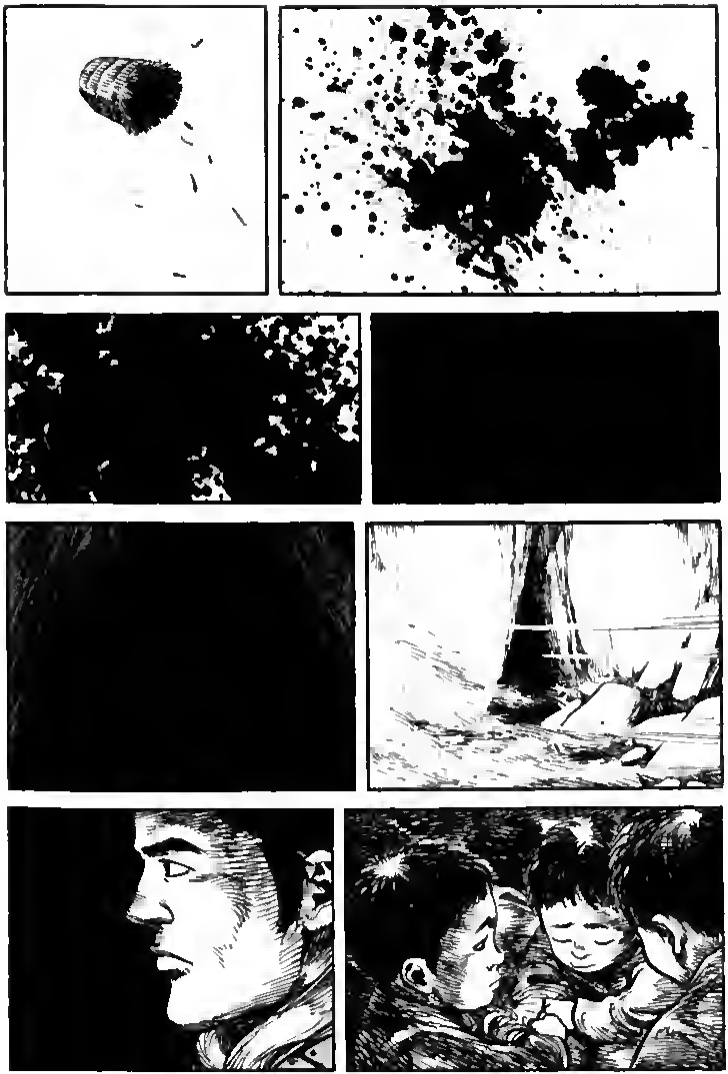
TCHAK


GET HIM!
TSA
TSA
TSA
TSA
KAKURI, HUH? THE MAN OF BOKK ... HEH HEH!
TCH
HUH?

THERE'S NO ONE HERE!

AFTER ENTERING THE COUNTRY OF KAN, THE KING OF SHIN INSANE WITH RAGE, STARTED THE HUNT FOR "THE RATS"


PLAF
AFTER FAILING TO PREVENT THE ATTACK, HOBUNE WAS SENTENCED TO DEATH
TAPATAP
TAPATAP



TA
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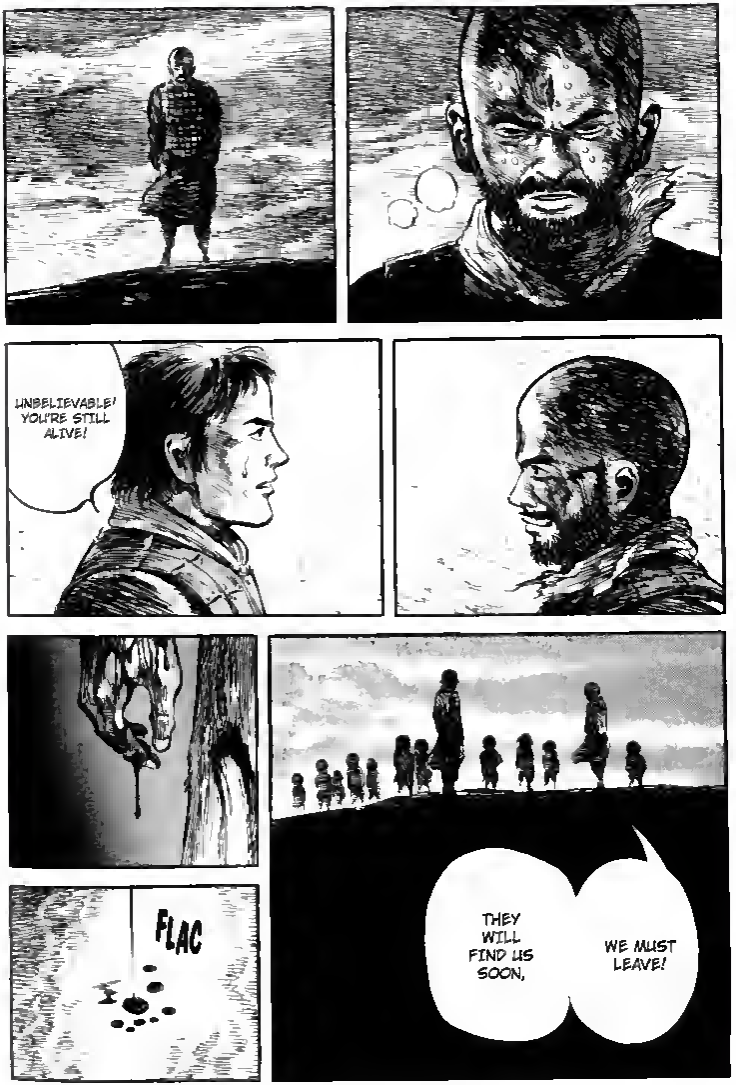
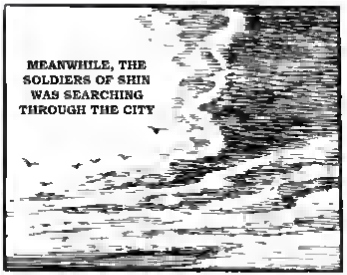
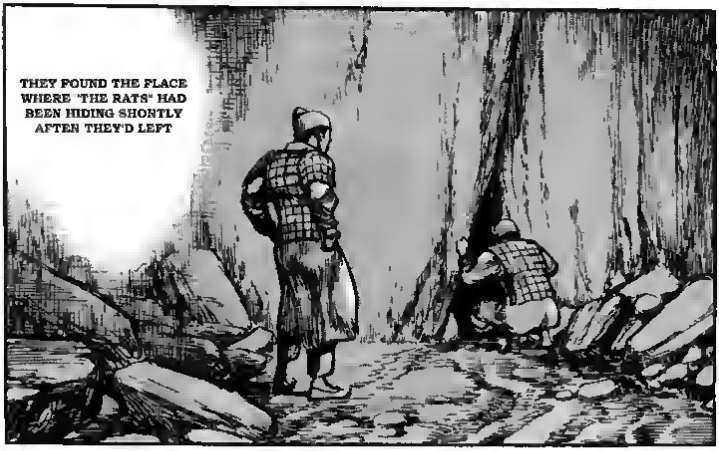
TA
TA
TA
MISTER KAKURI IS BACK!
OUAIS
OUAIS


UNBELIEVABLE! YOU'RE STILL ALIVE!
FLAC
THEY WILL FIND US SOON,
WE MUST LEAVE!


MEANWHILE, THE SOLDIERS OF SHIN WAS SEARCHING THROUGH THE CITY


THEY FOUND THE PLACE WHERE "THE RATS" HAD BEEN HIDING SHORTLY AFTEN THEY'D LEFT

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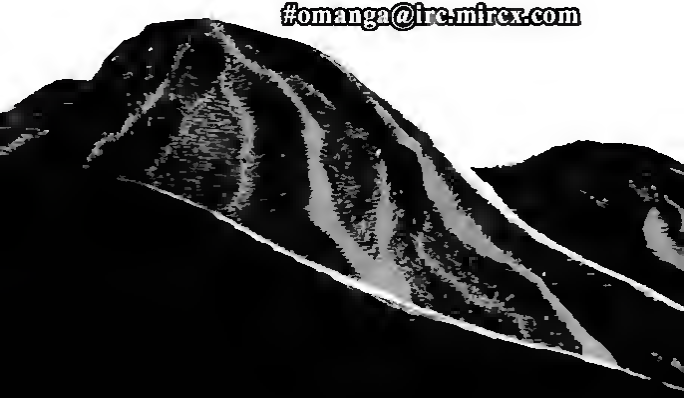

CHAPTER 03
THE GIFT

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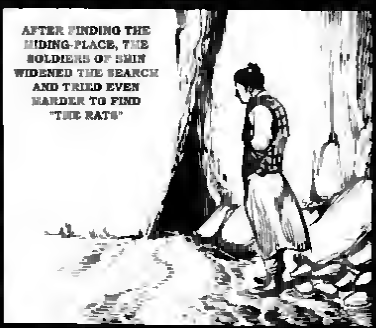
DZA
DZA
DZA DZA
WHY DID YOU LET HIM LEAVE?
THE KING WILL KEEP SEARCHING FOR DOUBLES, THAT GUY WON'T BE SAFE
THE KING OF SHIN WANTS TO TAKE HIS FREEDOM AWAY, WE SHOULD NOT DO THE SAME THING!

...
EVERYONE SHOULD BE FREE TO CHOOSE HIS OWN WAY!
SHSHSH
SHSHSH
AFTER ALL, WE'VE TAKEN HIM OUT OF THE KING'S REACH!
.....
HE NEVER SPOKE A SINGLE WORD!

TAPATAP
TAPATAP

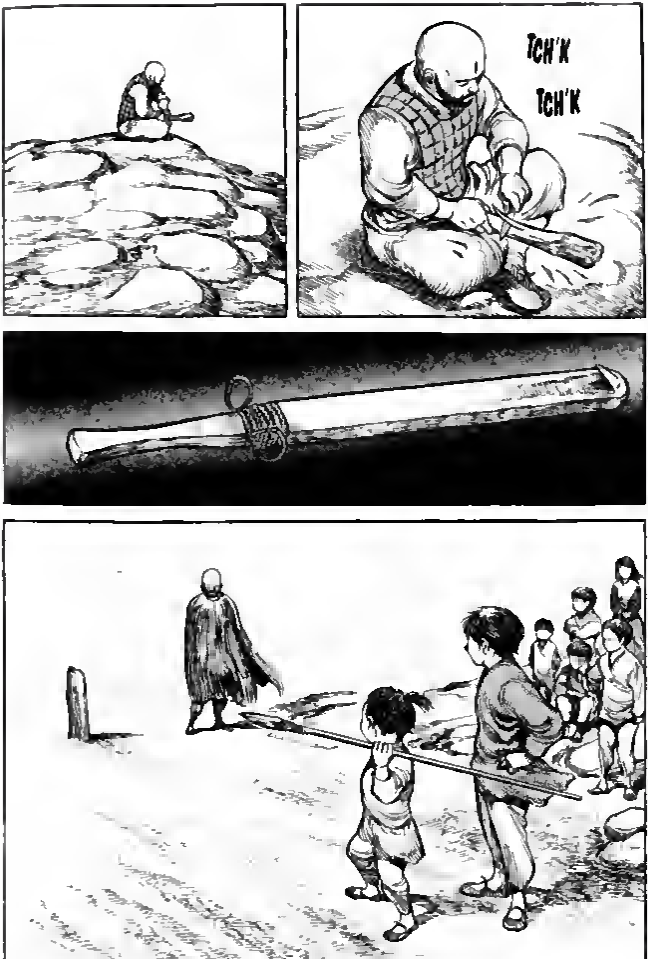

AFTER FINDING THE HIDING-PLACE, THE SOLDIERS OF SHIN WIDENED THE SEARCH AND TRIED EVEN HARDER TO FIND "THE RATS"

AH
AH
AH
GHYAHAH

WE SHOULD LEAVE THE COUNTRY OF KAN, JUST THE THREE OF US!
WITHOUT US, GOD KNOWS WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THE CHILDREN
BUT OUR PRESENCE PUTS THEM IN DANGER WE MUST LEAVE NOW
NO, NO
I DON'T WANNA LEAVE
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? YOU AND KAKURI, YOU ARE BOTH WANTED!
AND SO AM I, THEY SAW ME DURING THE AMBUSH!
I DON'T WANNA BE SEPARATED FROM THESE CHILDREN!

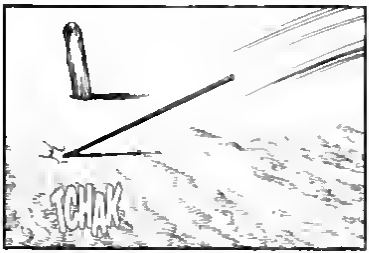
DZA DZA
I JUST SAW SOLDIERS OF SHIN
THEY ARE JUST BEHIND THE MOUNTAIN! YOU MUST LEAVE!
DON'T LET US STOP YOU!!

THE AMBUSH YESTERDAY, IT WAS GREAT, WE HAD FUN!
AFTER YOU LEAVE, WE WILL GO TO THE CITY IN GROUPS OF TWO OR THREE NOT TO DRAW ANY ATTENTION!
THEY WILL MANAGE, THEY CAN GET BY WITHOUT US!
I'M SURE OF IT . .
THEY WILL SURVIVE ...
.....


TCH'K
TCH'K

HNN!

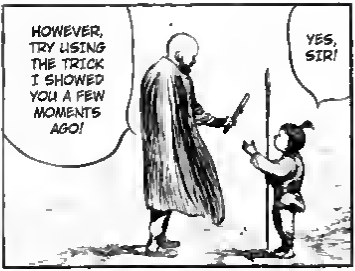
VIVOU VIVOU


TCHAK

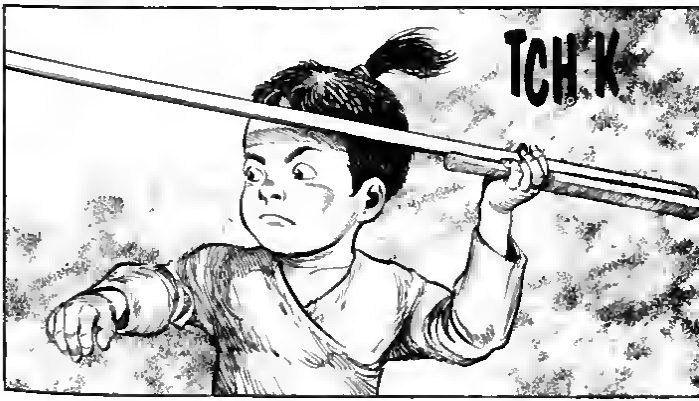
HAHA
HAHA!

POK

TRY IT ONCE MORE!


HOWEVER, TRY USING THE TRICK I SHOWED YOU A FEW MOMENTS AGO!
YES, SIR!

?
?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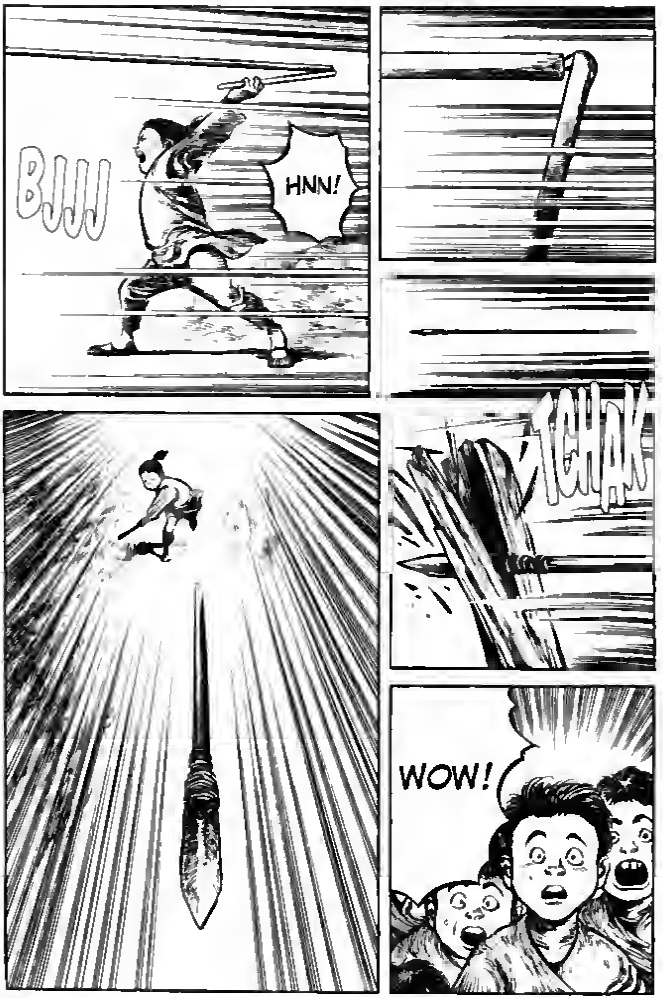
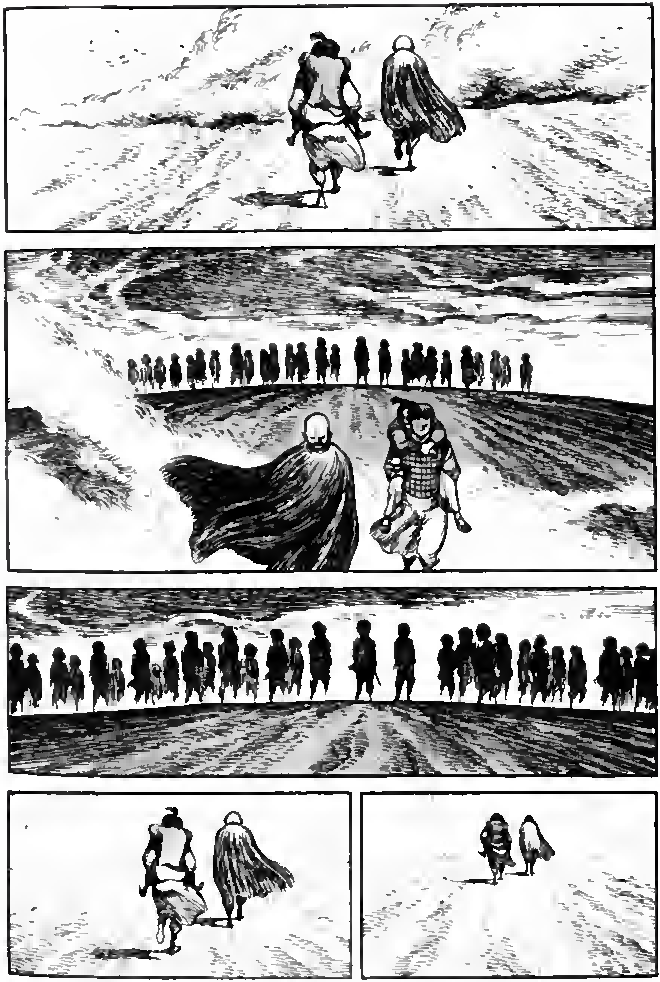
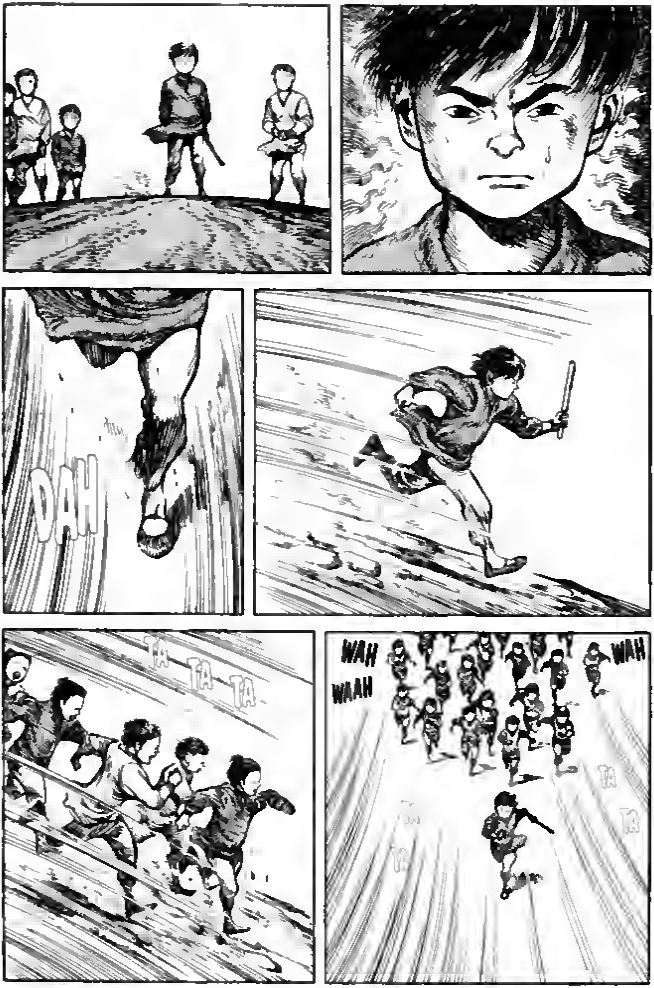

BJJJ
HNN!
TCHAK
WOW!

IT IS CALLED A "THRUSTER", WITH THIS, A LITTLE BOY OR A SMALL GIRL IS AS STRONG AS AN ADULT
MAKE MORE OF THESE FOR YOUR BUDDIES
YES, SIR!
THE "THRUSTER" WAS USED BY HUNTERS, MORE THAN TEN THOUSAND YEARS AGO. THIS WEAPON MADE IT POSSIBLE TO MULTIPLY THE RANGE AND THE PRECISION WHEN THROWING A SPEAR BY TEN

DZA
DZA
WELL THEN, FARE-WELL!
AREN'T YOU GOING TO SAY GOODBYE?
.....

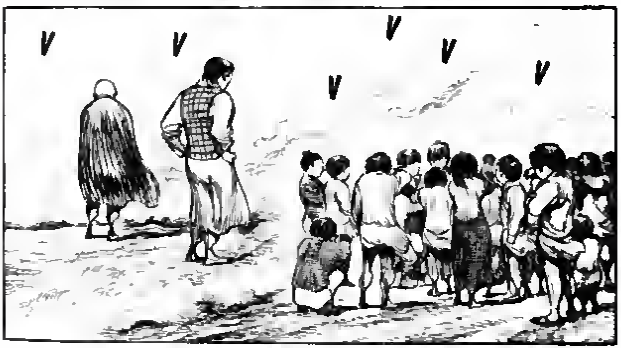



DAH
TA TA TA
WAH
WAAH
WAH

HEY!
PLAF
WAA WAA
TATA
TATA
TATA
TATA

WAA
HAA
AAA
AAH!
OUAAAHAAAHAAAH!

I WILL NEVER FORGET YOU!
I WILL RETURN
YOU ARE ALL MY CHILDREN!



DZA
DZA
DZA
THE "THRUSTER", WAS KAKUMI'S FAREWELL GIFT IT MEANT "LIVE, GROW AND BECOME STRONG"

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THE INVISIBLE STALKER
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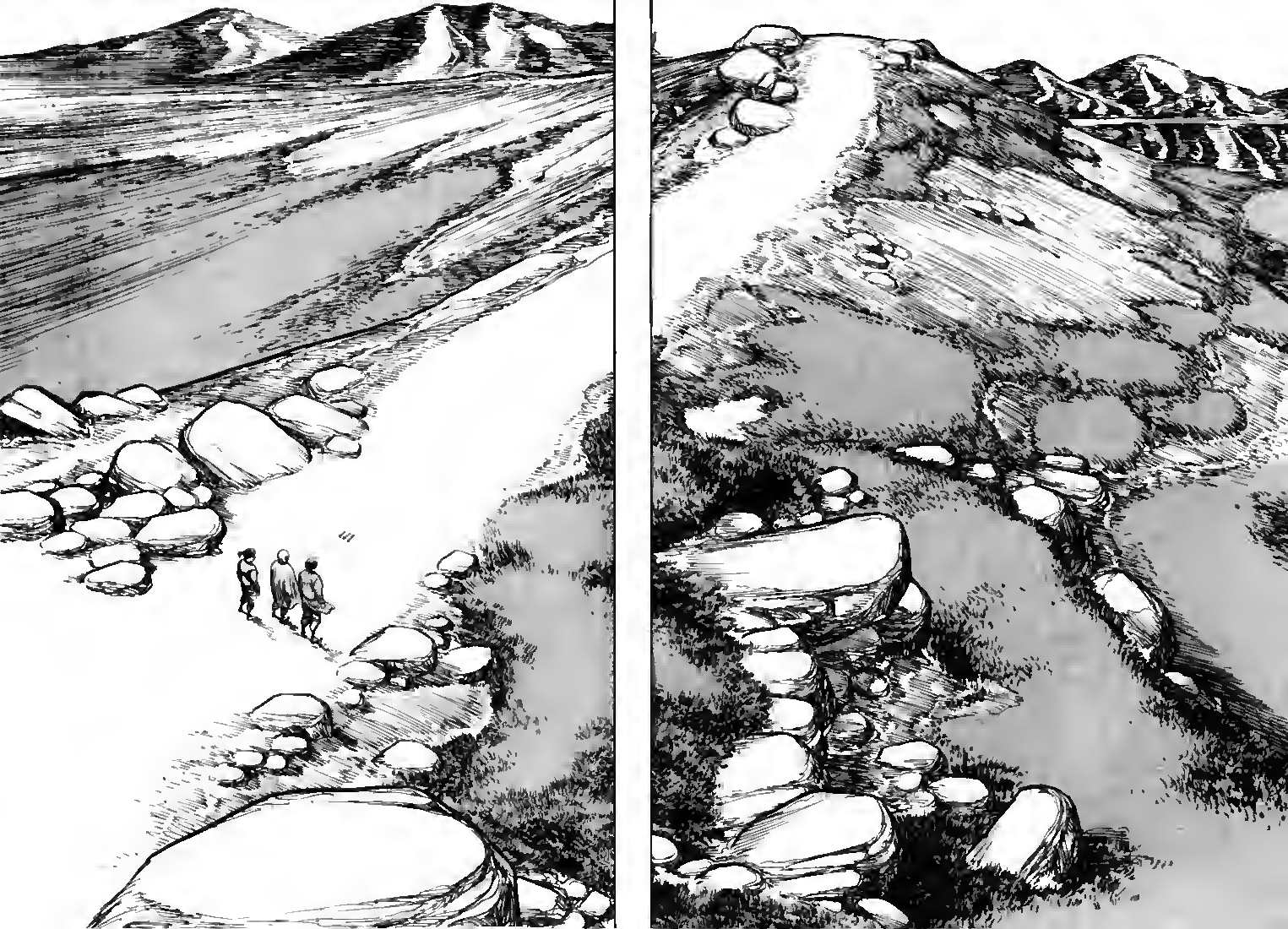
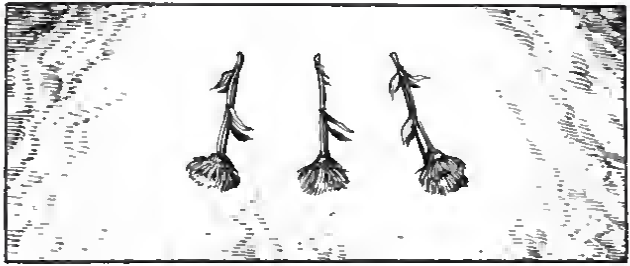
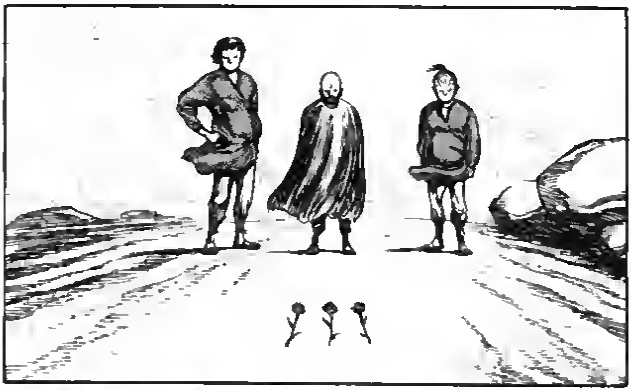






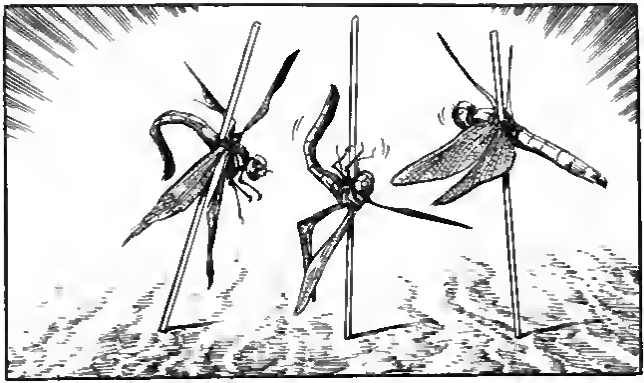
IS THIS THE WORK OF THE SOLDIERS OF SHIN?
PERHAPS THESE THREE FLOWERS REPRESENT US!
IT'S BEEN TEN DAYS SINCE WE LEFT KAN
I'VE OFTEN GLANCED OVER MY SHOULDER TO MAKE SURE WE WEREN'T FOLLOWED
THE FLOWERS HAVEN'T EVEN STARTED TO WITHER
THEY MUST'VE BEEN LEFT HERE NOT LONG AGO, WHOEVER DID THIS MUST BE QUITE CLOSE!
SHUT UP! WHAT DO YOU KNOW?

WITH THE AID OF THIRTY KIDS, KAKURI HAD BEEN ABLE TO ATTACK THE KING OF SHIN

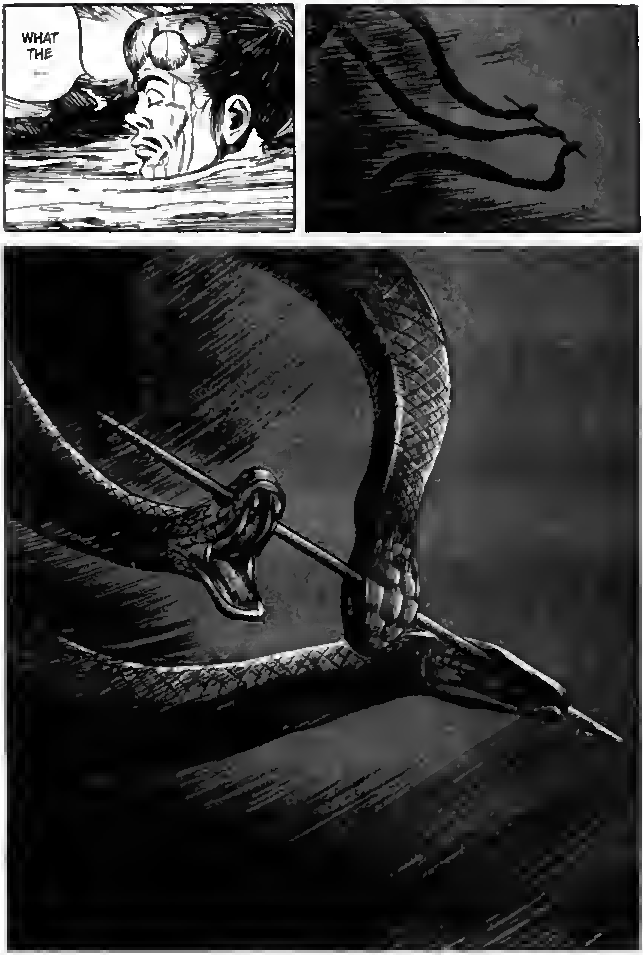
HE LEFT THE CHILDREN, WHILE THEY STILL HADN'T BEEN FOUND OUT, HE FLED FROM KAN WITH HIS TWO FRIENDS TO ESCAPE THE SOLDIERS OF SHIN WHO WERE CHASING THEM

THE THREE MEN WEREN'T SURE YET, BUT KAKURI DID NOT NEED TO SEE HIS ENEMIES TO KNOW THAT THEY WERE BEING FOLLOWED

KOBU, COME SEE!
THOSE THREE FLOWERS, IT MUST'VE BEEN A RABBIT OR A WEASEL THAT LEFT THEM THERE
HAH, YOU'RE BOTH CRAZY! I DON'T SEE A TRACE OF ANY SOLDIERS



FLASH
TCHUCK
HA HAHA! IT'S SAFE!
!?
KOBU, LOOK! THERE, WHAT IS IT?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HIH!
DJAH
S-SHIT
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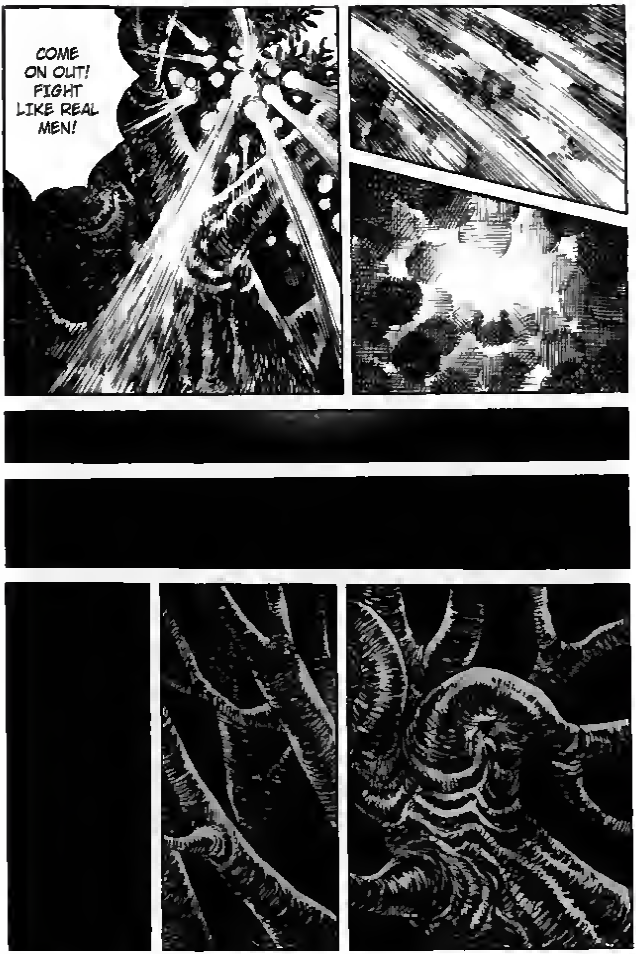
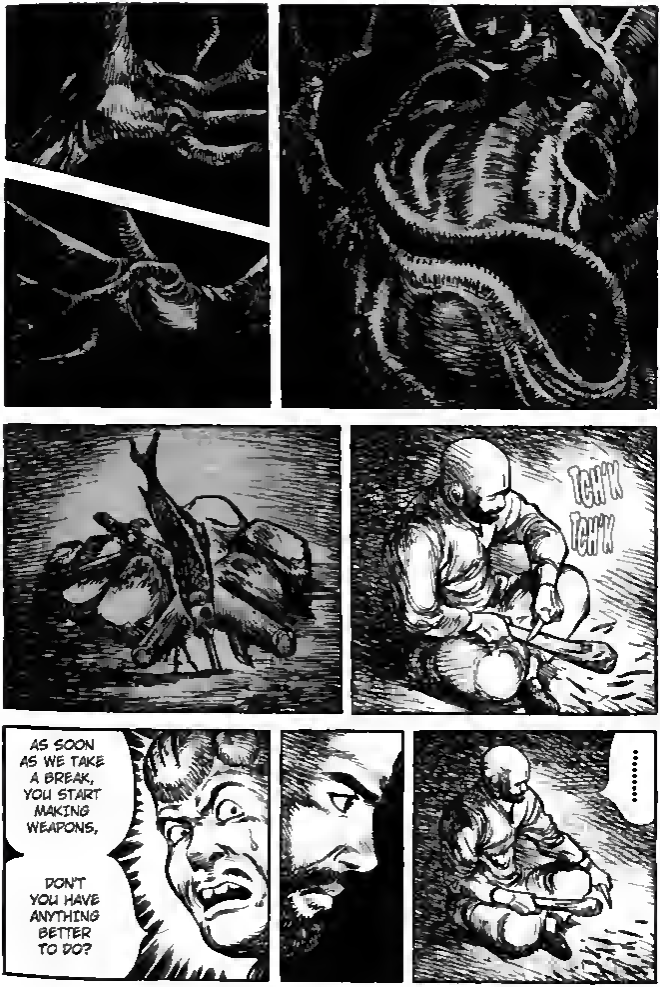
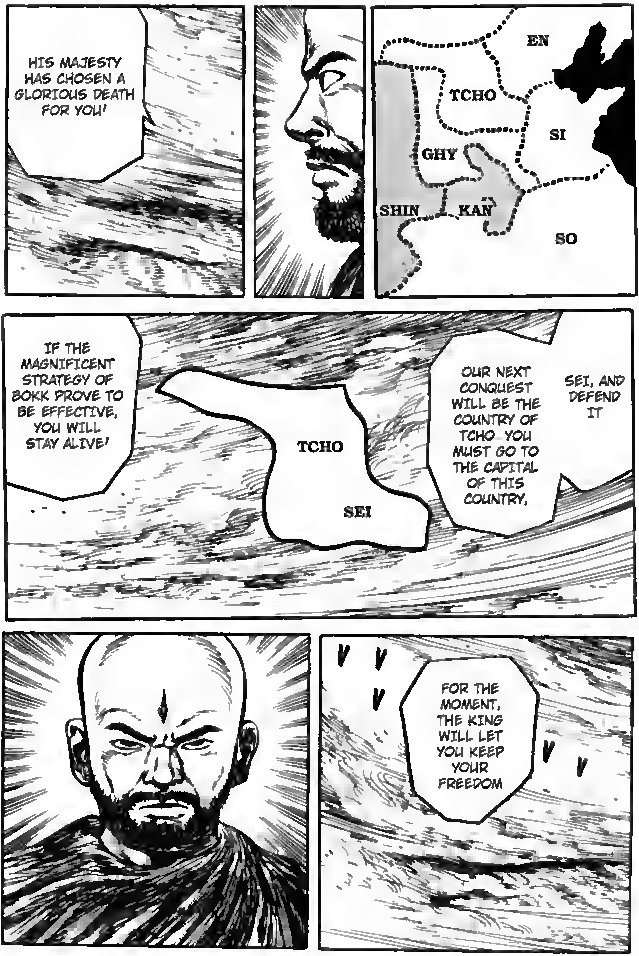
YOU FUCKING COWARDS, SHOW YOURSELVES!

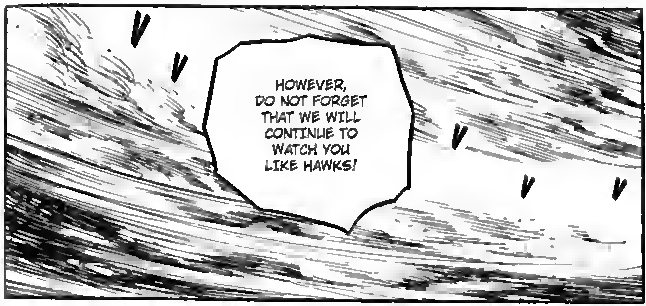

COME ON OUT! FIGHT LIKE REAL MEN!


ICHI
ICHI
AS SOON AS WE TAKE A BREAK, YOU START MAKING WEAPONS,
DON'T YOU HAVE ANYTHING BETTER TO DO?
.....

S-SORRY
I WAS OUT OF LINE, WITHOUT YOU, WE WOULD HAVE ALREADY DIED!
I THOUGHT THAT THEY HAD LOST OUR TRACK, BUT
THEY UNDOUBTEDLY CAUGHT UP WITH US TODAY, OR MAYBE EVEN YESTERDAY
..
BUT WHY DON'T THEY TRY TO STOP US?
AND THE CHILDREN, ARE THEY SAFE?
SURE, THE IDENTITY OF "THE RATS" CAN'T BE FOUND OUT THAT EASILY

YUNJI, KOBU, OVER THERE, LOOK!
AHA! YOU FINALLY DECIDED TO SHOW YOUR-SELVES!
YOU, THE MAN OF BOKK! KAKURI!
LISTEN TO THE KING'S ORDERS!


HIS MAJESTY HAS CHOSEN A GLORIOUS DEATH FOR YOU!
EN
TCHO
SI
GHY
SHIN
KAN
SO
IF THE MAGNIFICENT STRATEGY OF BOKK PROVE TO BE EFFECTIVE, YOU WILL STAY ALIVE!
TCHO
SEI
OUR NEXT CONQUEST WILL BE THE COUNTRY OF TCHO. YOU MUST GO TO THE CAPITAL OF THIS COUNTRY,
SEI, AND DEFEND IT
FOR THE MOMENT, THE KING WILL LET YOU KEEP YOUR FREEDOM


HOWEVER, DO NOT FORGET THAT WE WILL CONTINUE TO WATCH YOU LIKE HAWKS!

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WOOO
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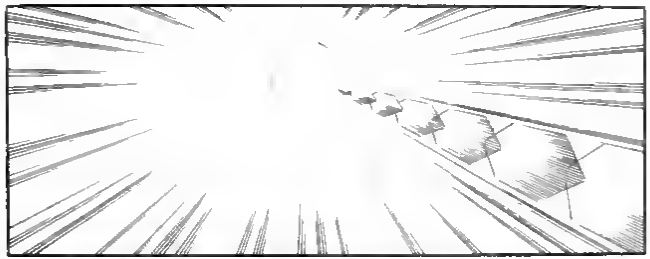
WOOOO
WOOOO



OH! THERE'S NO ONE HERE!
THE KING OF SHIN
HE'S PLAYING WITH US!
TO DEFEND CITIES, THAT IS MY MISSION,
NO MATTER WHO ASKS ME TO
STILL, THIS TIME IT IS THE ATTACKER WHO SUMMONED ME I'VE NEVER SEEN THAT BEFORE!
THE KING SEEMED TO BE EXTREMELY CONFIDENT, HE EVEN LET HIMSELF HAVE THE LUXURY OF PLAYING WITH THE LIVES OF KAKURI AND HIS FRIENDS
KAKURI'S DETERMINED STEPS LEAD HIM TOWARDS WHAT EASILY COULD BECOME THE MOST TERRIBLE BATTLE THAT HE WOULD EVER FACE

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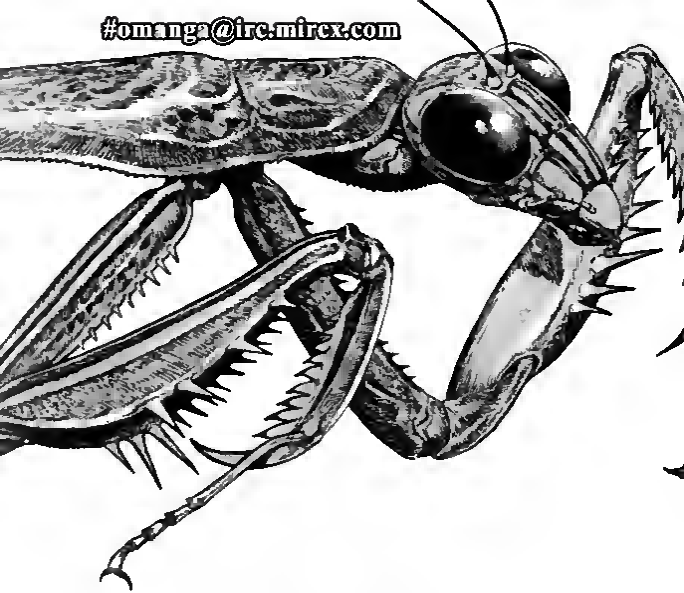

CHAPTER 05

THE PATH TO SEI

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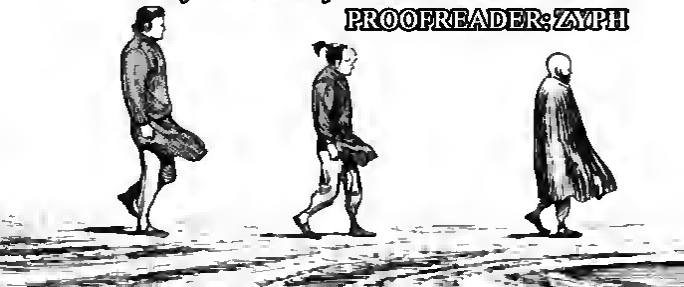

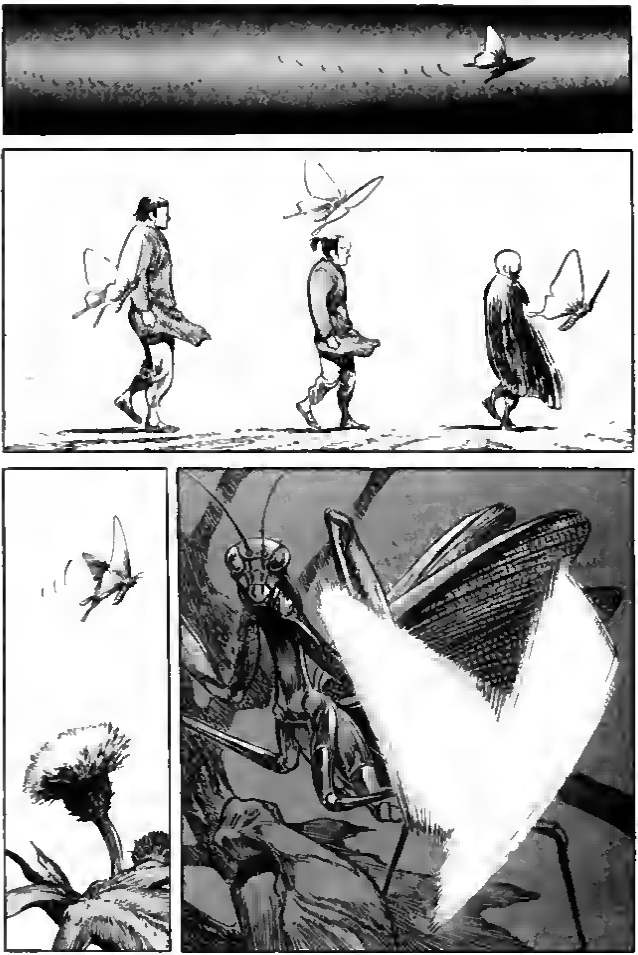

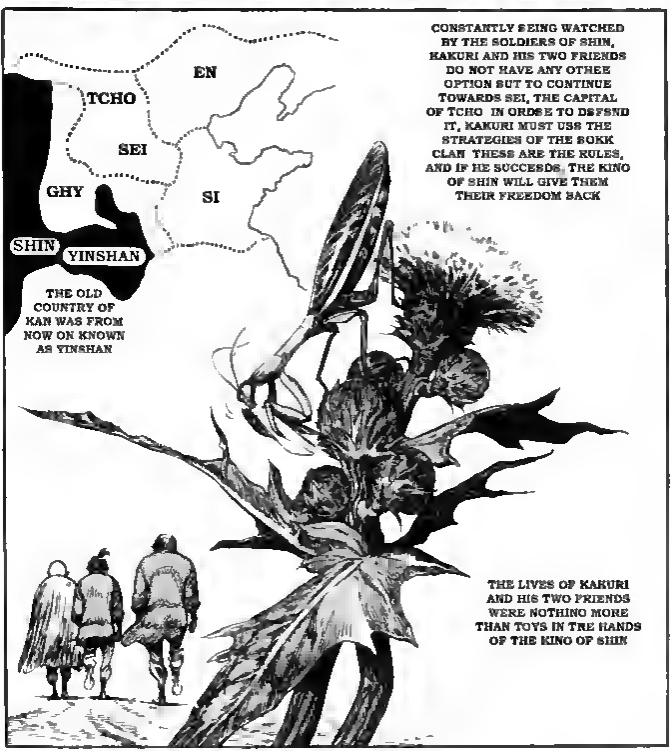
EN
TCHO
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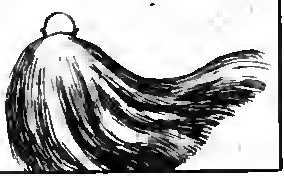
GHY
SI
SHIN
YINSHAN
THE OLD COUNTRY OF KAN WAS FROM NOW ON KNOWN AS YINSHAN
CONSTANTLY BEING WATCHED BY THE SOLDIERS OF SHIN, KAKURI AND HIS TWO FRIENDS DO NOT HAVE ANY OTHER OPTION BUT TO CONTINUE TOWARDS SEI, THE CAPITAL OF TCHO. IN ORDER TO DEFEND IT, KAKURI MUST USE THE STRATEGIES OF THE SOKK CLAN. THESE ARE THE RULES, AND IF HE SUCCEEDS, THE KING OF SHIN WILL GIVE THEM THEIR FREEDOM BACK
THE LIVES OF KAKURI AND HIS TWO FRIENDS WERE NOTHING MORE THAN TOYS IN THE HANDS OF THE KING OF SHIN

GO TO SEI, WHAT A WASTE OF TIME!
HOW THE HELL COULD THREE BUMS LIKE US BE ALLOWED TO SEE THE KING OF TCHO?
AND THEN TELL HIM: "THE ARMY OF SHIN WILL BE HERE SOON,
BUT DO NOT WORRY,
WE WILL DEFEND YOU!"
HA HA HA!
HAVE YOU GOT A BETTER WAY?
THE SOLDIERS OF SHIN ARE KEEPING AN EYE ON US, WE ARE NO LONGER FREE!
WE HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO GO TO SEI

KORU'S CONCERN WAS UNOER STANDABLE

BUT KAKURI HAD A MORE SERIOUS PROBLEM IN MIND

IT WOULDN'T BE EASY FOR HIM TO BE LET IN TO THE CAPITAL OF TCHO



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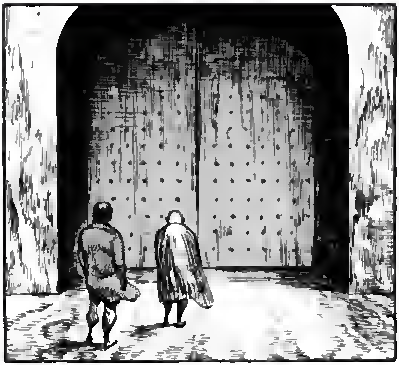
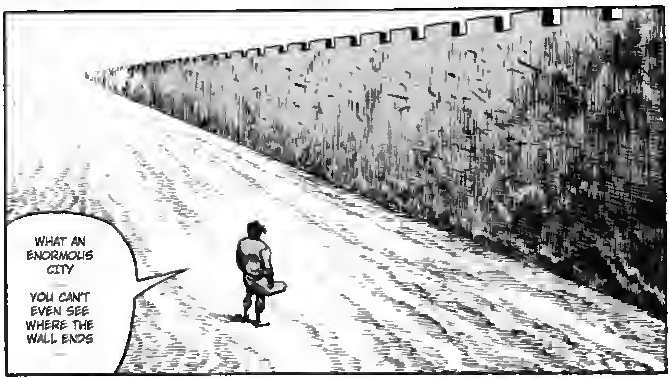
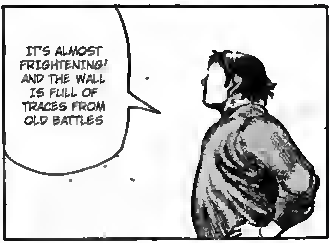
AS DRAWN BY AN INVISIBLE WIRE FROM HIS OWN DESTINY, KAKURI KEPT ON WALKING TOWARDS SEI

PATAH




WHAT AN ENORMOUS CITY
YOU CAN'T EVEN SEE WHERE THE WALL ENDS


IT'S ALMOST FRIGHTENING! AND THE WALL IS FULL OF TRACES FROM OLD BATTLES

LOOK AT THE GROUND, THERE'S HUMAN REMAINS EVERY-WHERE
HELLO THERE!
HEY! YOU THERE, DO YOU THINK YOU COULD OPEN THE GATE FOR US?
OUAH
WHY, YOU DIRTY LITTLE

WILL YOU OPEN THE GATE FOR US ?!?
WE DON'T ALLOW BUMS IN THE CITY!
BU ...
LOOK AT ME, FOOL! WHAT DO YOU TAKE ME FOR?
STOP IT KOBU!
FL'P

KAKURI, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
QUIET!
HE'S ASLEEP
I'M HUNGRY, I'LL GO FIND SOMETHING TO EAT!
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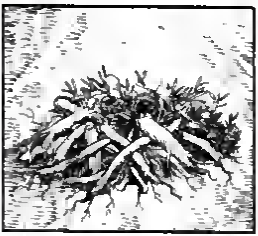

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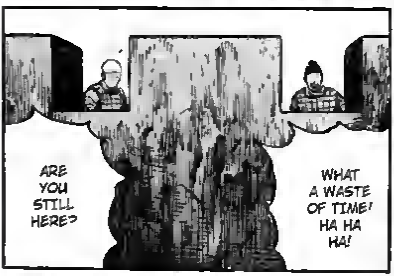
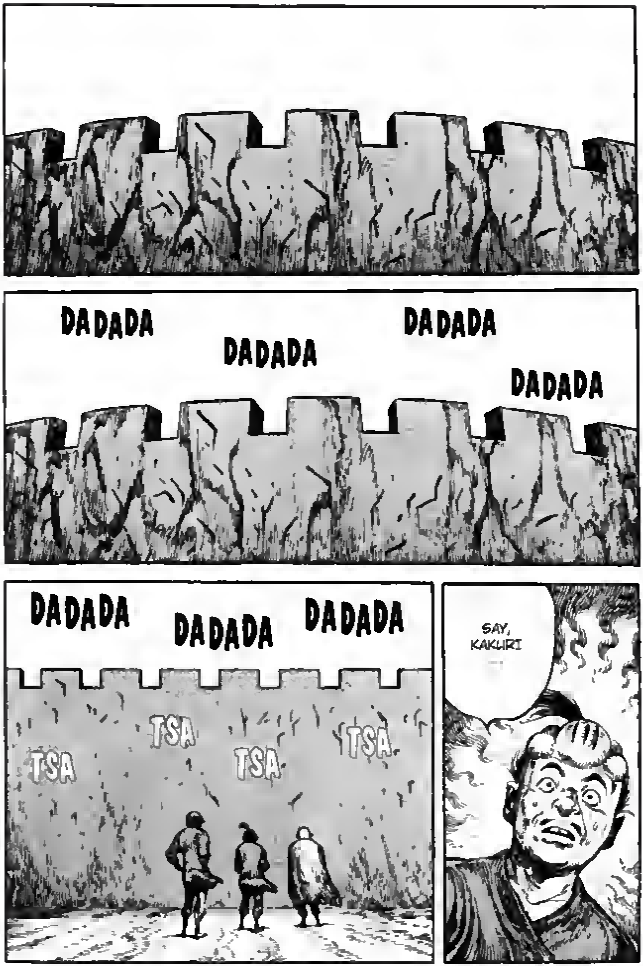

ARE YOU STILL HERE?
WHAT A WASTE OF TIME! HA HA HA!

MOM
MOM

MY NAME IS KAKURI, I'M A MAN OF BOKK
I WANT TO SEE YOUR KING!
THIS CRETIN WANTS TO MEET HIS MAJESTY? HA HA HA!
.....
MAN OF BOKK ...
KAKURI
KAKURI, MAN OF BOKK?
HA HA HA
SHUT UP, STUPID!
KAKURI, MAN OF BOKK!
HEY! REPEAT YOUR NAME!

KKK!
HCUP
W-WAIT JUST ONE MOMENT!
IN THE COUNTRY OF TCHO, NOBODY HAD FORGOTTEN THAT, WITH THE HELP OF A SINGLE MAN OF BONK, KAKURI, THE SMALL CITY OF SYO HAD BEEN THE END OF THE FAMOUS GENERAL OF TCHO, KOENTCHU, TOGETHER WITH FIFTEEN THOUSAND OF HIS MEN
KAKURI'S SUDDEN APPEARANCE WAS LIKE A DETONATING BOMB!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TSA
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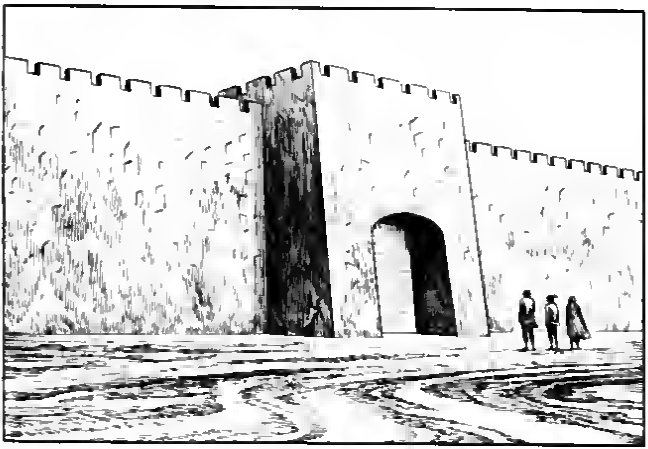
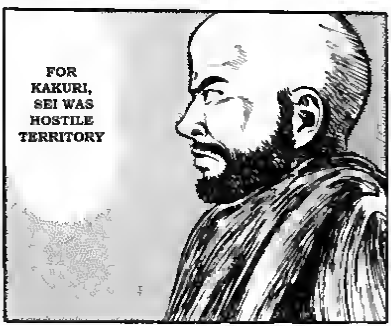
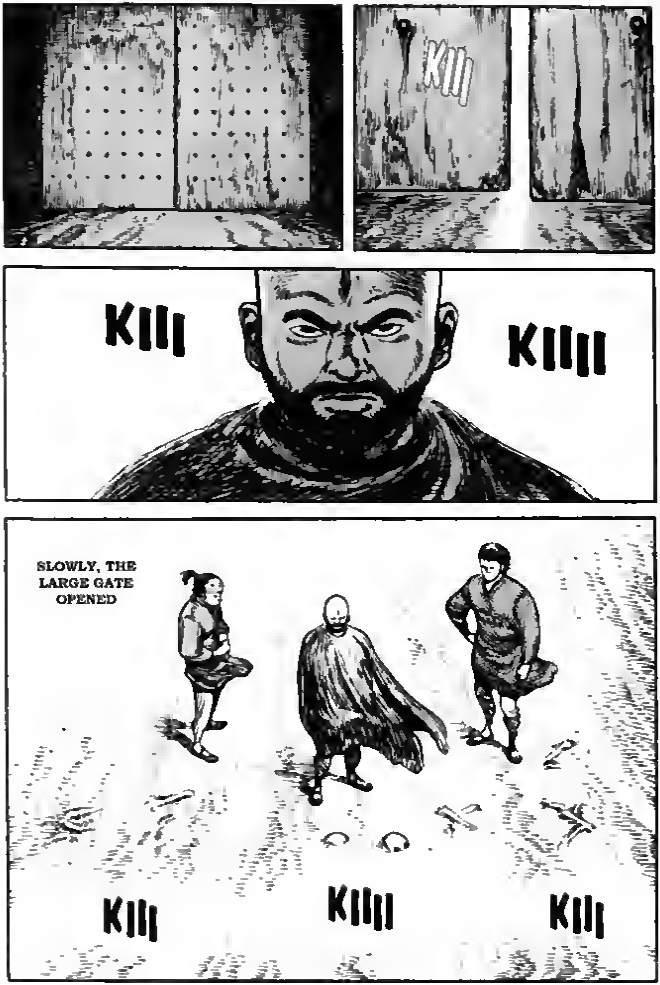
TSA
SAY, KAKURI

DADA
WHAT'S TAKING THEM SO LONG?
AND WHY ALL THIS NOISE?
DADADA
DADADA DADADA DADADA
AND SUDDENLY, SILENCE




FOR KAKURI, SEI WAS HOSTILE TERRITORY


KIII
KIII
KIIII
SLOWLY, THE LARGE GATE OPENED
KIII
KIIII
KIII

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CHAPTER 06

BURIED ALIVE

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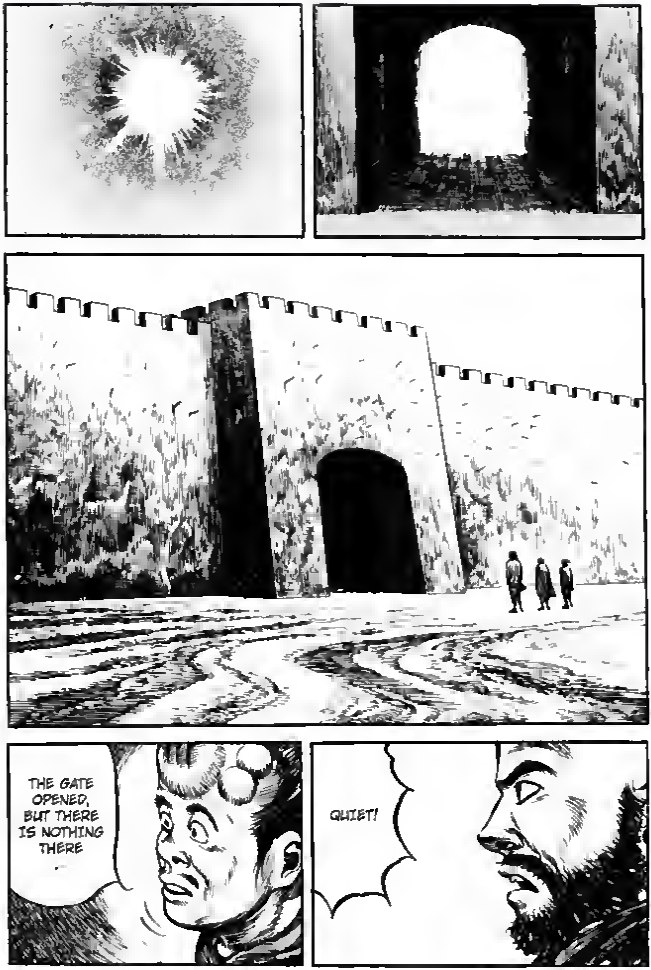
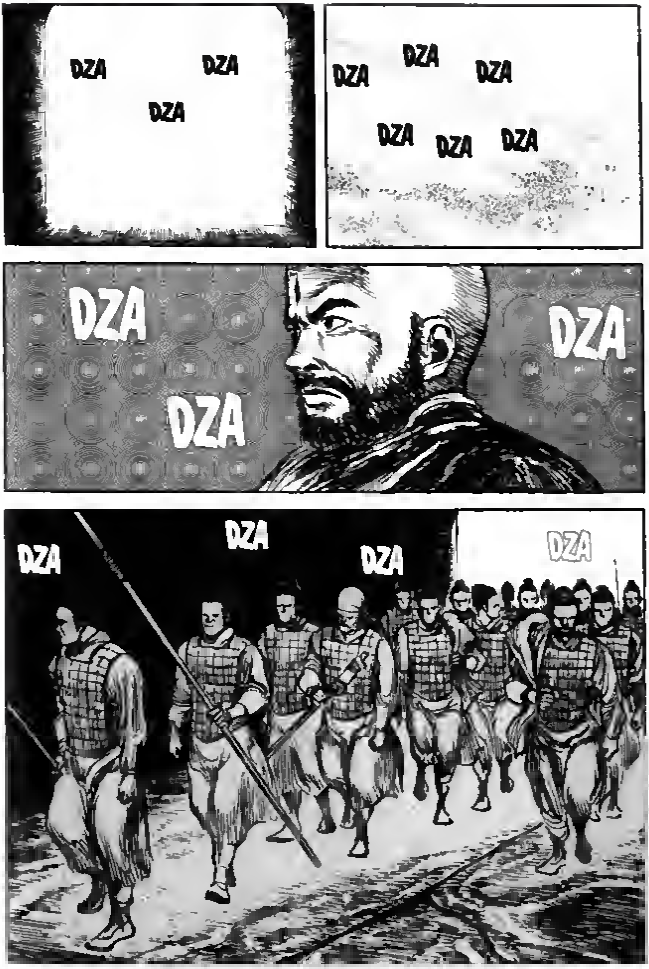

THE GATE OPENED, BUT THERE IS NOTHING THERE
QUIET!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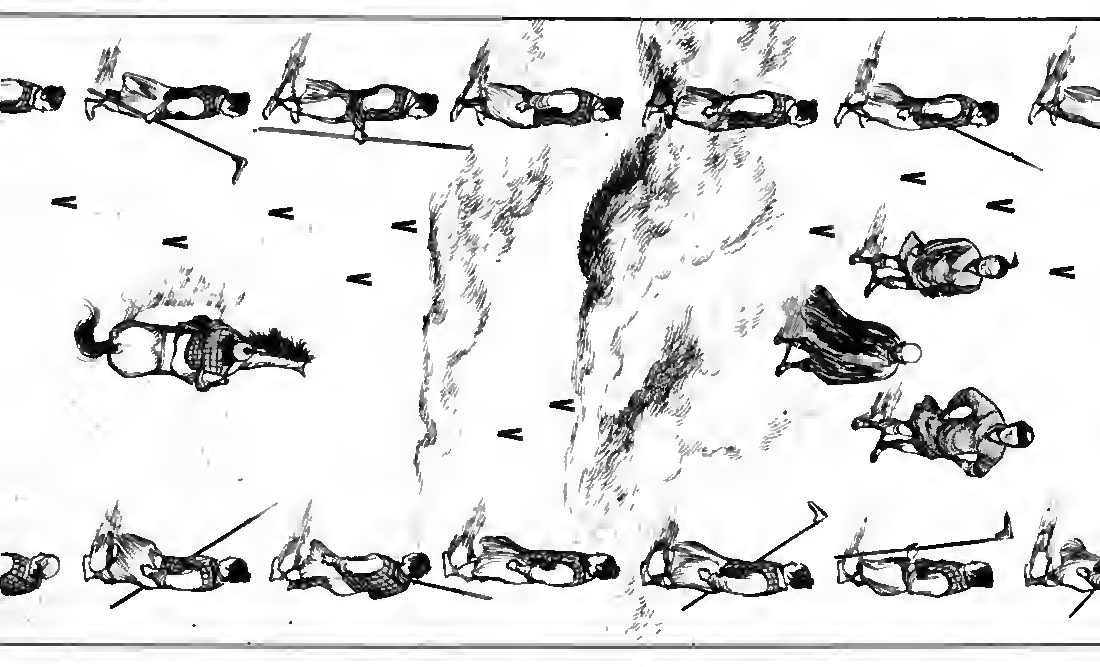


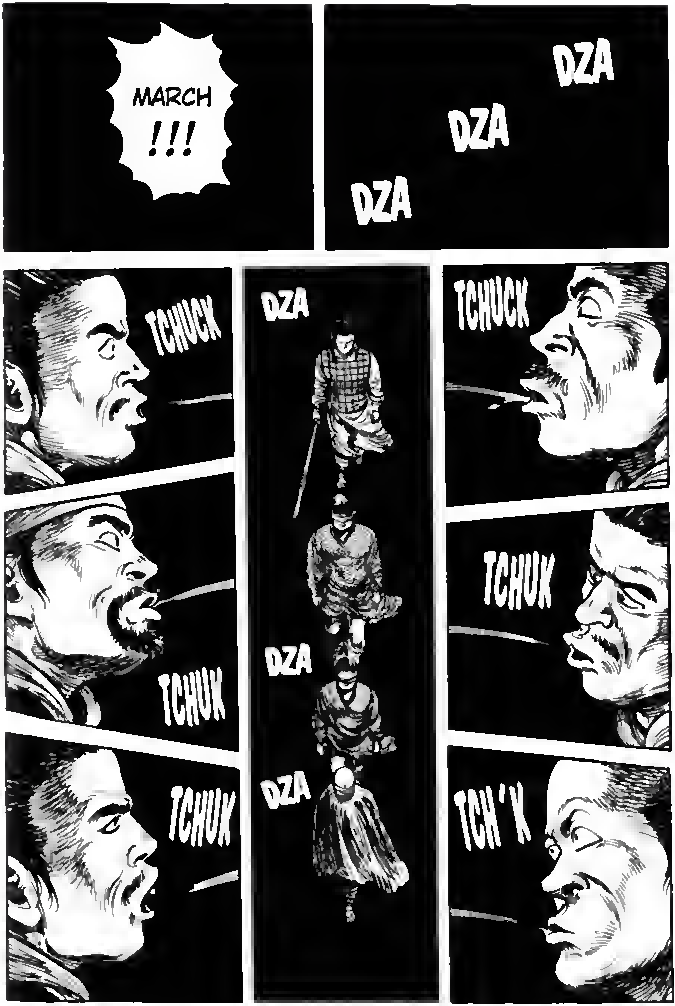
DZA
DZA

YOU WHO SAW THE FACE OF KAKURI UP CLOSE,
WHEN HE DEFEATED GENERAL KOENTCHU

TAKE A GOOD LOOK AT THIS MAN!

YES, SIR!

NO DOUBT ABOUT IT, THAT IS THE MAN OF BOKK, KAKURI!
WAYA WAYA
WAYA WAYA
OKAY! BRING THEM IN!
I'LL HAVE TO PUT THIS OVER YOUR EYES!


MARCH
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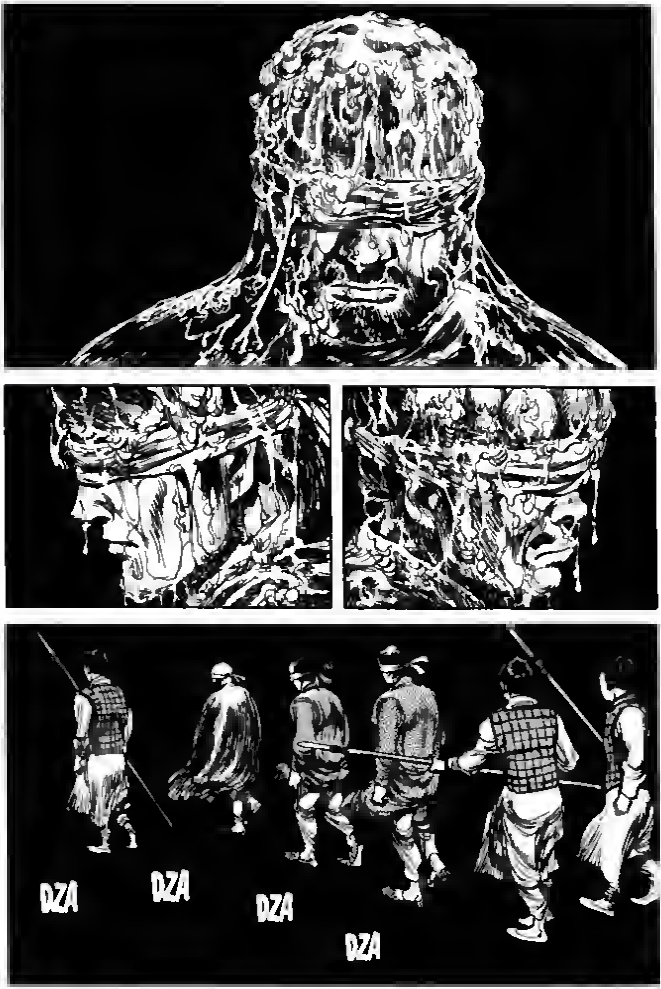
TCH'K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TURN RIGHT !!!
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TO THE LEFT !!!
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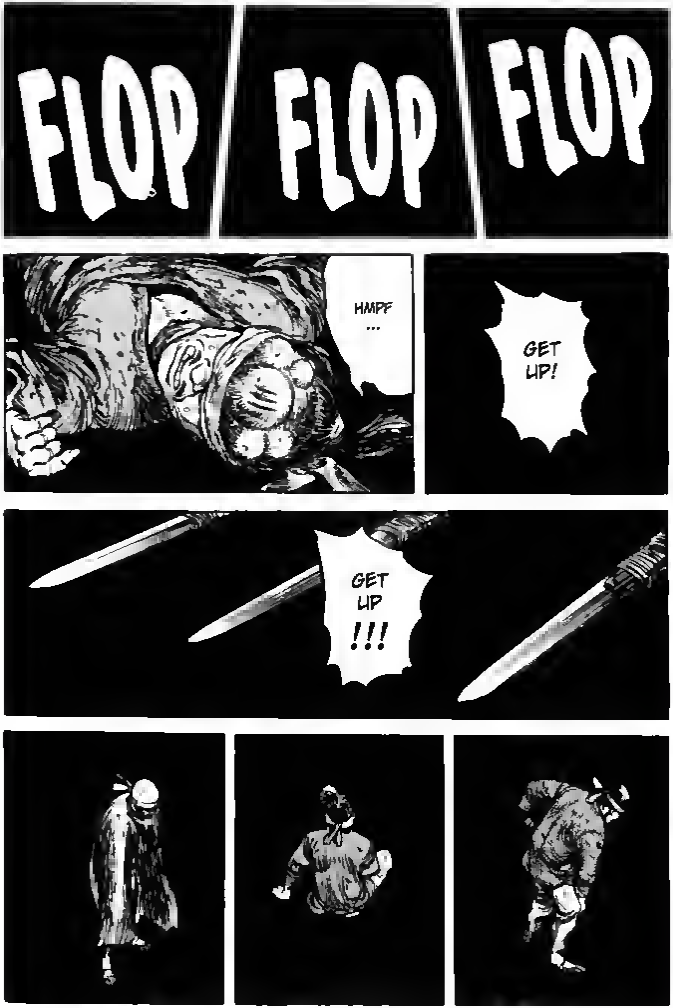
DZA
FOR-WARD !!!

OUA
AAAA
ARH
!!!


FLOP
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HMPF ...
GET UP!
GET UP !!!

TSSAH

TSOK

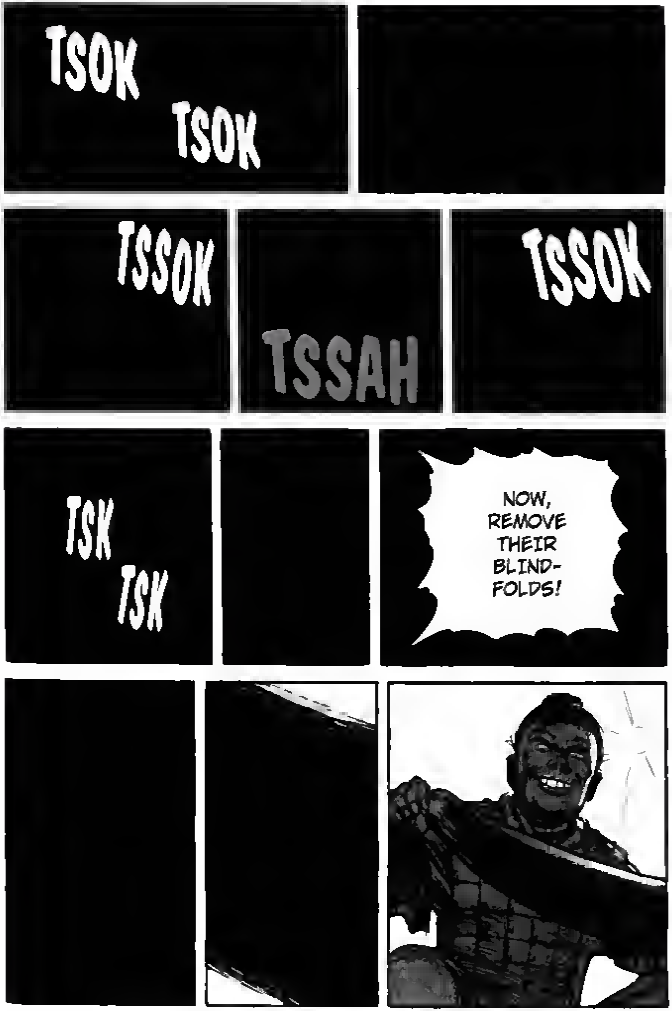
DZAH

TSOK

FLAFF

SSPLASH

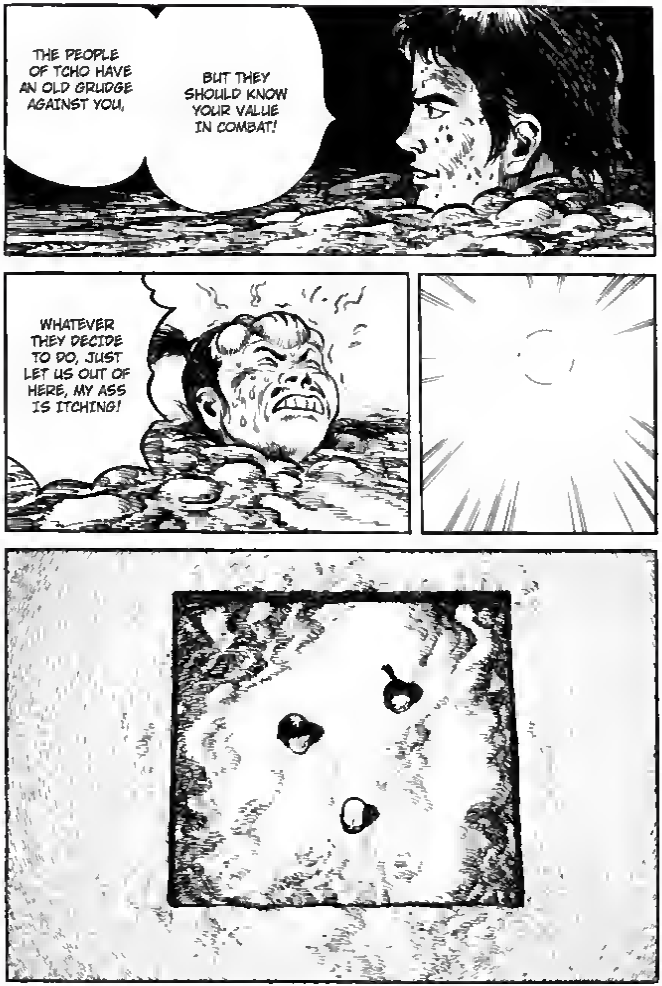
BATH


TSOK
TSOK
TSSOK
TSSAH
TSSOK
TSK
TSK
NOW, REMOVE THEIR BLIND-FOLDS!

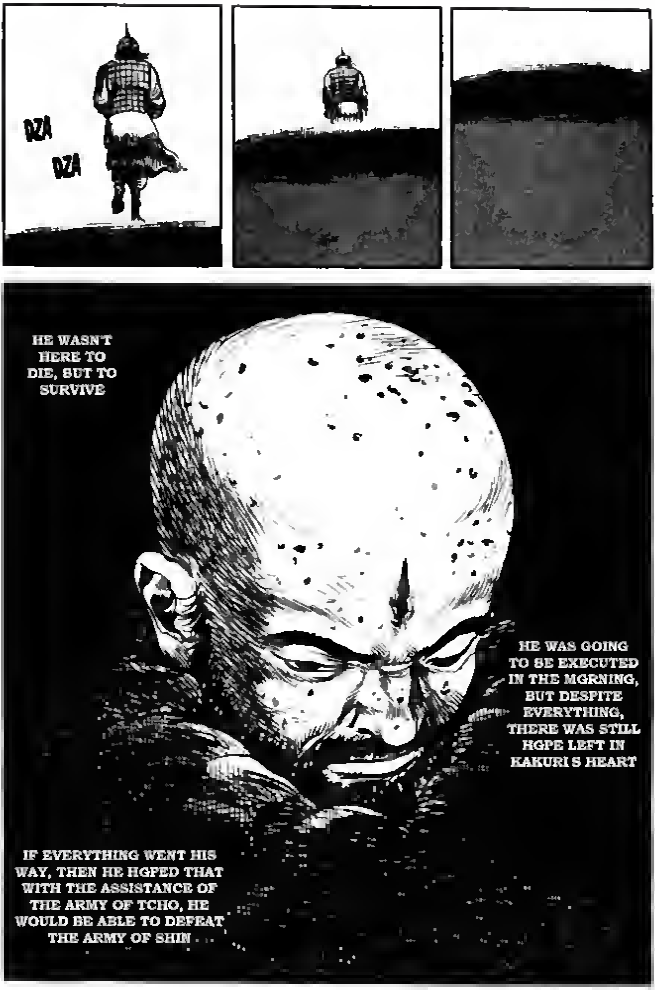
AH
AH
AH
GHYAHA
HA
HA
HA
HA

YOU DID NOT COME HERE TO DIE WITHOUT ANY RESISTANCE
TELL ME WHY YOU ARE HERE!
THE ARMY OF SHIN IS GOING TO ATTACK THIS CITY
ALL THREE OF US CAME TO DEFEND YOU!
IT IS TRUE THAT THE ARMY OF SHIN IS ON THEIR WAY HERE
BUT WE HAVE NOT ASKED THE BOKK CLAN FOR ASSISTANCE!
WE WERE ORDERED HERE BY ZENDOU, THE KING OF SHIN!
HOW COULD THAT BE?
WHY WOULD HE DO THAT?

I'VE GOT NO IDEA AS TO WHY!
BUT DEFENDING CITIES IS WHAT I DO.
IT DOESN'T MATTER WHO ASKS ME TO!
WAIT HERE FOR A WHILE!
DZAH
SEEMS LIKE IT'S NOT OVER YET!


THE PEOPLE OF TCHO HAVE AN OLD GRUDGE AGAINST YOU,
BUT THEY SHOULD KNOW YOUR VALUE IN COMBAT!
WHATEVER THEY DECIDE TO DO, JUST LET US OUT OF HERE, MY ASS IS ITCHING!

SHSHSH
POK
SORRY, BUT YOU HAVE BEEN SENTENCED TO DEATH IN THE MORNING


DZA
DZA
HE WASN'T HERE TO DIE, BUT TO SURVIVE
HE WAS GOING TO BE EXECUTED IN THE MORNING, BUT DESPITE EVERYTHING, THERE WAS STILL HOPE LEFT IN KAKURI'S HEART
IF EVERYTHING WENT HIS WAY, THEN HE HOPED THAT WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE ARMY OF TCHO, HE WOULD BE ABLE TO DEFEAT THE ARMY OF SHIN . . .

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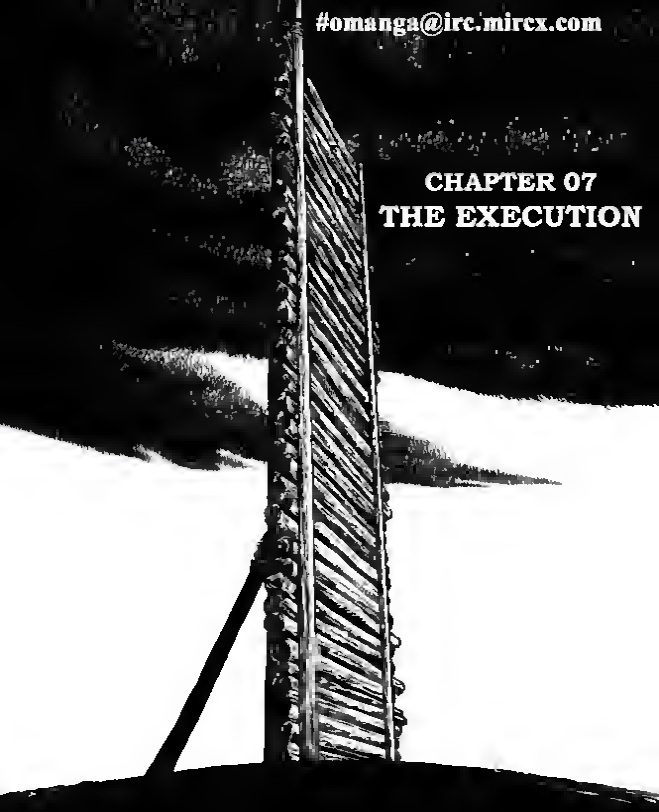

CHAPTER 07
THE EXECUTION

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DOTO
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HISSE

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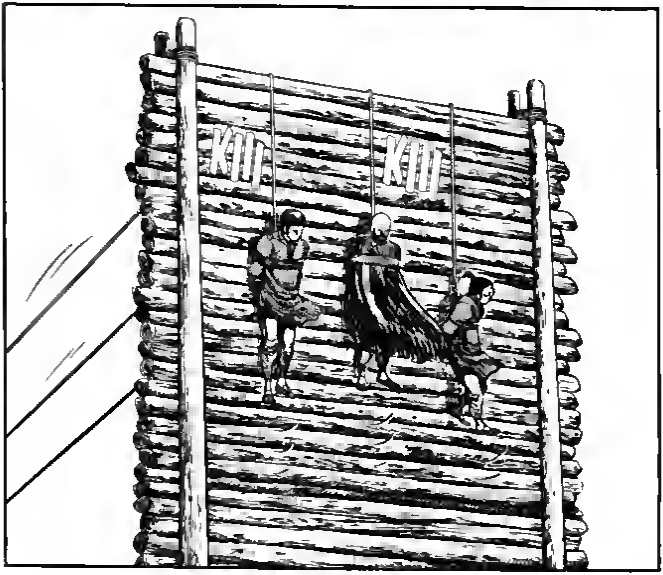
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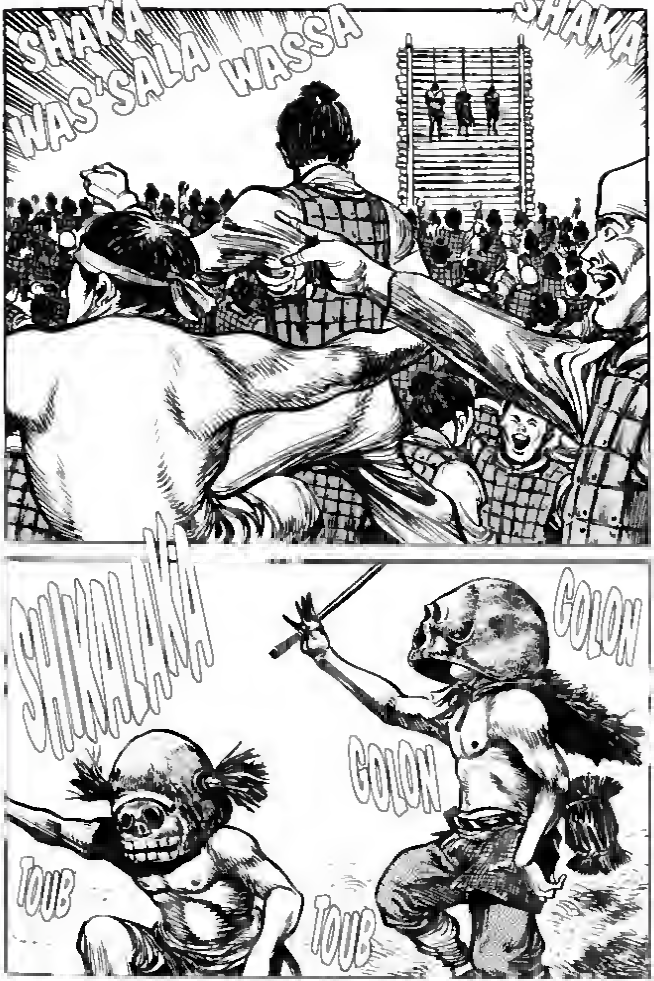
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WAS'SALA WASSA
SHAKA
SHAKALAKA
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GOLON
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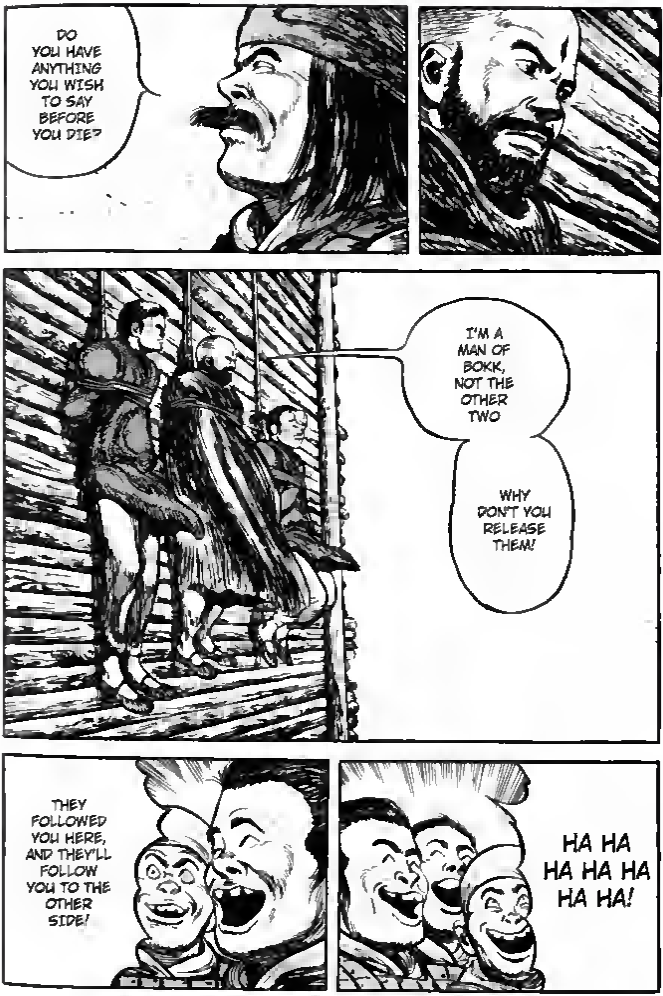
TOUB


DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING YOU WISH TO SAY BEFORE YOU DIE?
I'M A MAN OF BOKK, NOT THE OTHER TWO
WHY DON'T YOU RELEASE THEM!
THEY FOLLOWED YOU HERE, AND THEY'LL FOLLOW YOU TO THE OTHER SIDE!
HA HA HA HA HA HA HA!

WAS THAT ALL?
NO!
WHY IS IT NECESSARY TO KILL US?
IF YOU DON'T KNOW THEN THERE HAS TO BE SOMETHING WRONG WITH YOUR HEAD!
WE WANT TO AVENGE THE GREAT GENERAL KOENTCHU!
KOENTCHU AS A WARRIOR,
ME AS A MAN OF BOKK, WE HAD TWO DIFFERENT MISSIONS

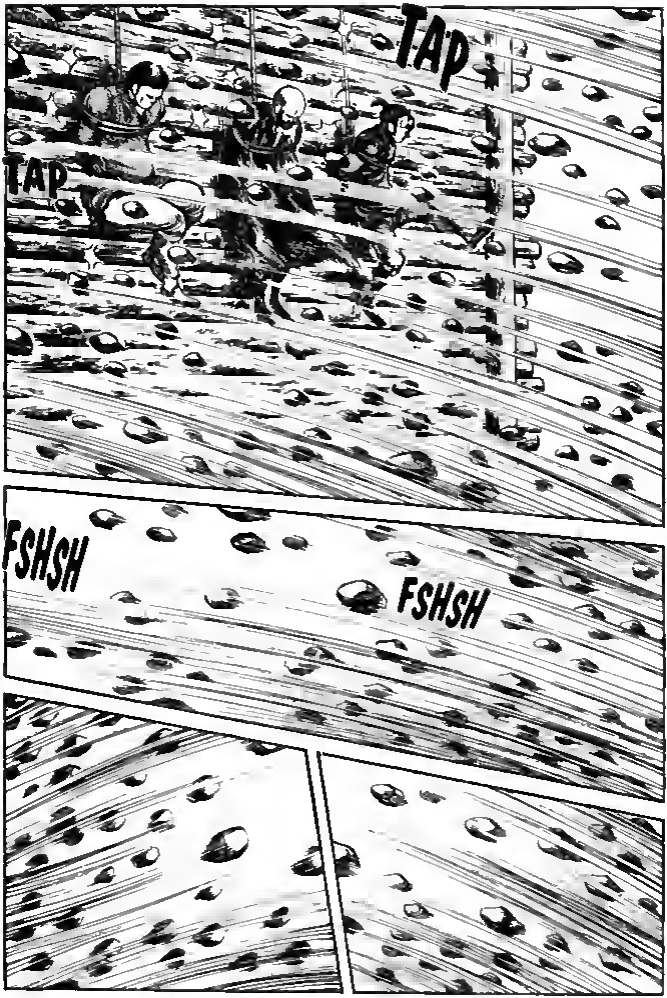
WE BOTH ACKNOWLEDGED EACH OTHERS AND THEN WE FACED EACH OTHER, MAN TO MAN
SO WHAT VENGEANCE ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? DO YOU THINK THAT KOENTCHU HAD ANY REGRETS BEFORE DYING?
IDIOTS! YOU LET HIM DIE BY NOT SENDING REINFORCEMENT. AND NOW YOU DARE TO SPEAK OF VENGEANCE?

IT'S BECAUSE WE ATTACKED THE KING OF SHIN THAT OUR LIVES ARE IN DANGER.
BUT THE KING OF SHIN GAVE ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO DIE AS A MAN OF BOKK, BY ASKING ME TO DEFEND THIS CITY!
THE KING OF SHIN HIMSELF WANTED ME TO HAVE A HONOURABLE DEATH
IS THERE NO ONE IN THIS CITY WHO'S AS GENEROUS
IS THERE NO ONE HERE THAT WOULD PREFER TO LET ME HELP YOU?

NO, DIE!
FSHSH
FSHSH
FSHSH
FSHSH
A STONE FOR EACH ONE OF OUR COMRADES THAT YOU'VE KILLED!
DIE!

TOC
PLAF
TOC
TOC
SHSH
FSHSH

OOAAOOH
WA
DAH
WA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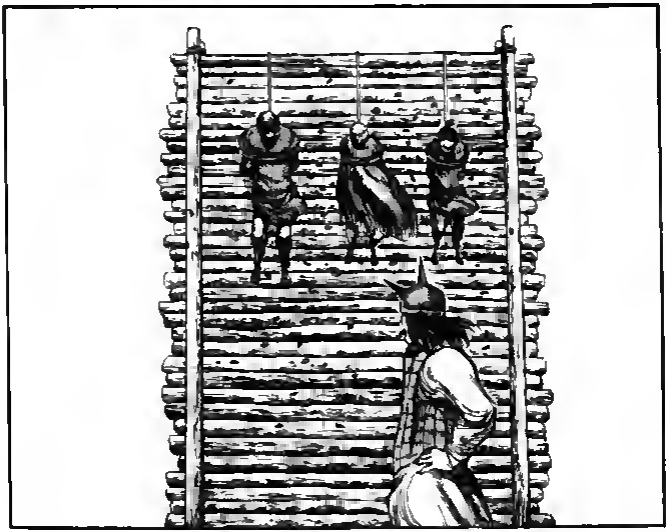
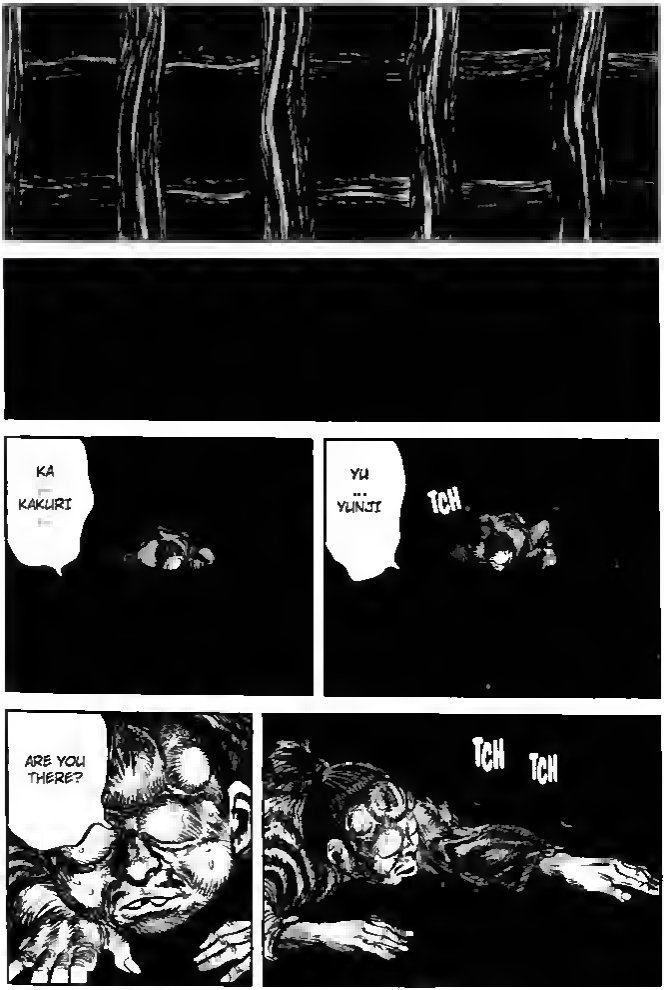
FSHSH
FSHSH

FSHSH
FSHSH
STOP!

EVERYONE
STOP IT!




KA
...
KAKURI
YU
...
YUNJI
TCH.
ARE YOU THERE?
TCH
TCH

WHERE ARE WE?
TCH
IN THE LAND OF THE LIVING, OR IN THE LAND OF THE DEAD?

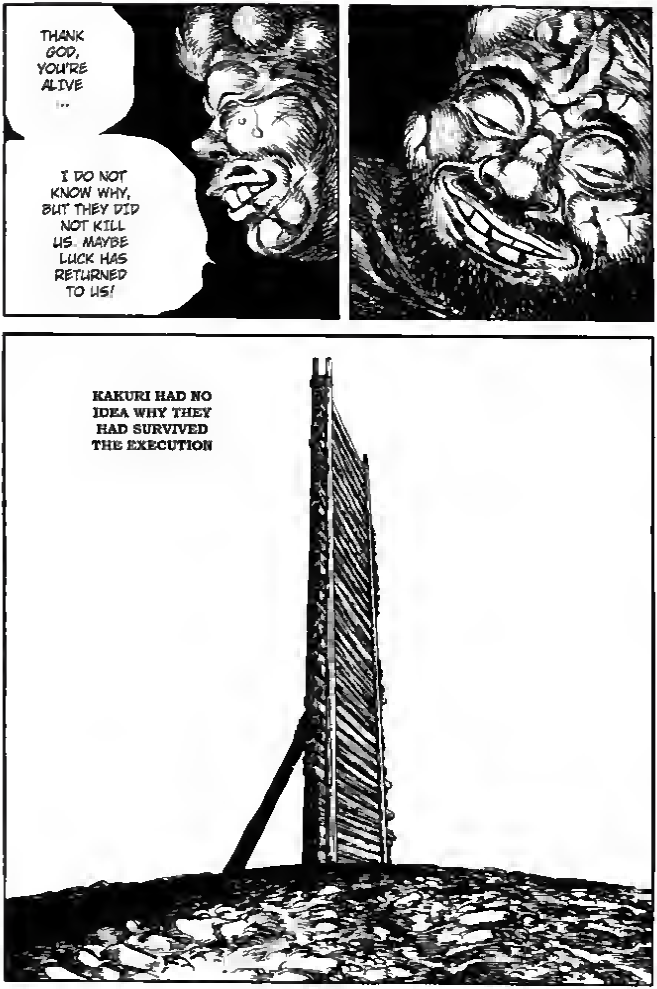
YU

YUNJI, WHERE ARE YOU?
TCH
TCH

AND KAKURI?

HEY, KAKURI!

KAKURI!
DZZZ
KAKURI!
KA...
KAKURI?


THANK GOD, YOU'RE ALIVE...
I DO NOT KNOW WHY, BUT THEY DID NOT KILL US. MAYBE LUCK HAS RETURNED TO US!
KAKURI HAD NO IDEA WHY THEY HAD SURVIVED THE EXECUTION

CHAPTER 08
KAKURI'S CIRCLE

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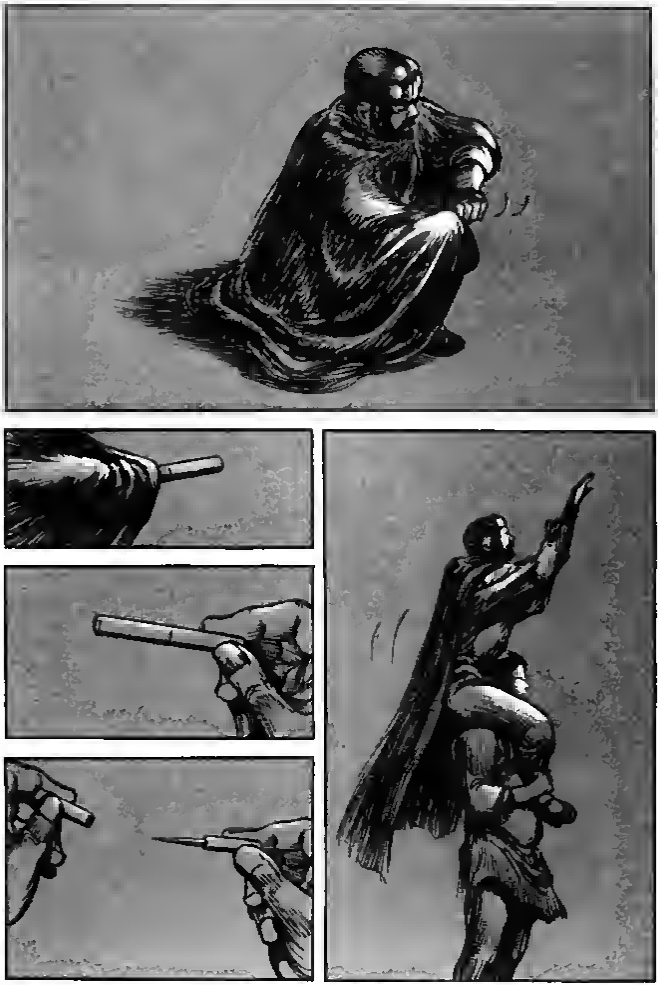
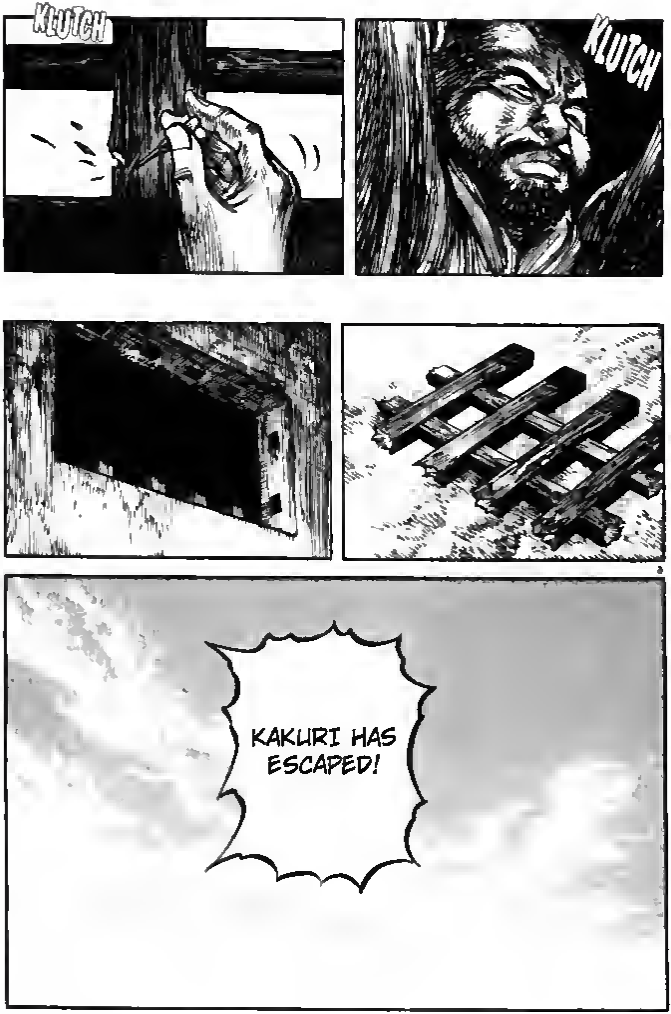
YUNJI!
KOBU!
WE MUST ESCAPE!

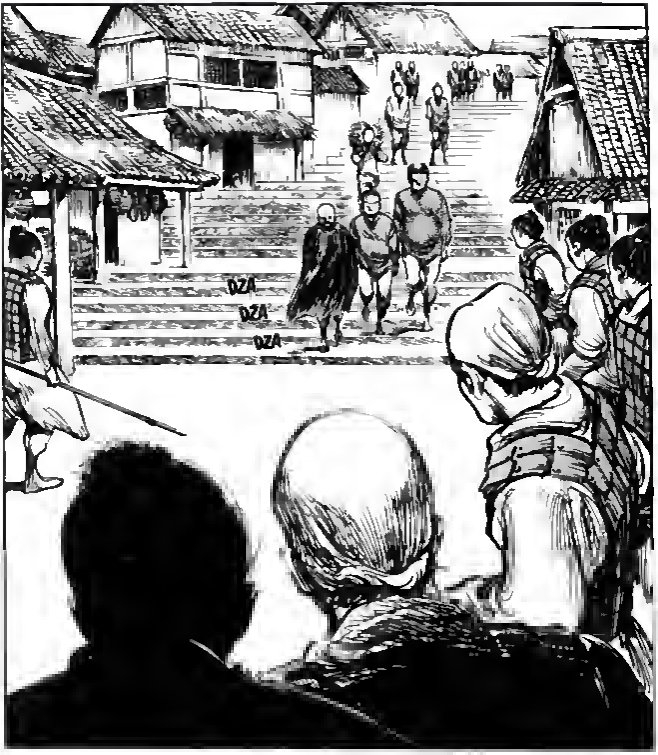
EARLY OR LATE, THEY WILL KILL US ANYWAY!
WE WERE WRONG TO GO TO SEI, THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO HERE!
AND HOW WILL WE ESCAPE?
AND ONCE WE'VE ESCAPED
THERE WILL BE SOLDIERS OF TCHO EVERY-WHERE!
THEY'RE ALL SUCH FOOLS!
I WILL SHOW THEM THAT A MAN OF BOKK KNOWS HOW TO ESCAPE!




KLUTCH
KLUTCH
KAKURI HAS ESCAPED!

TSA
TSA
TSA

TSA
TSA
TSA
TSA

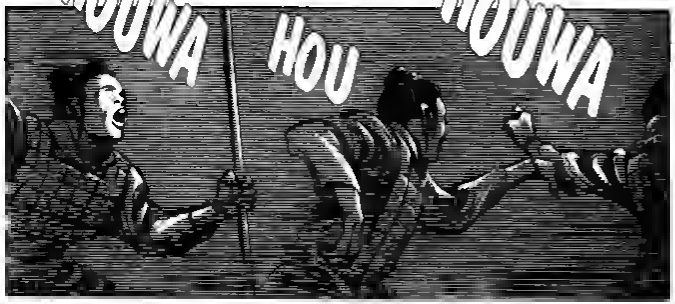

DZA
DZA
DZA

AAH

AND WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING?
WE'RE LEAVING!
LEAVING ?!?
ESCAPING, THAT'S SOMETHING YOU USUALLY DO DURING NIGHT!
DZA
DZA
THEY TOOK TO MANY STONES TO THE HEAD, THEY'VE CONFUSED DAY WITH NIGHT!
WAH HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA!
DO YOU WANT ME TO SHOW YOU THE WAY?
DON'T BOTHER, I THINK WE'LL MANAGE!
WAH HA HA HA!

HOUOU
HOUBA
HOUWA

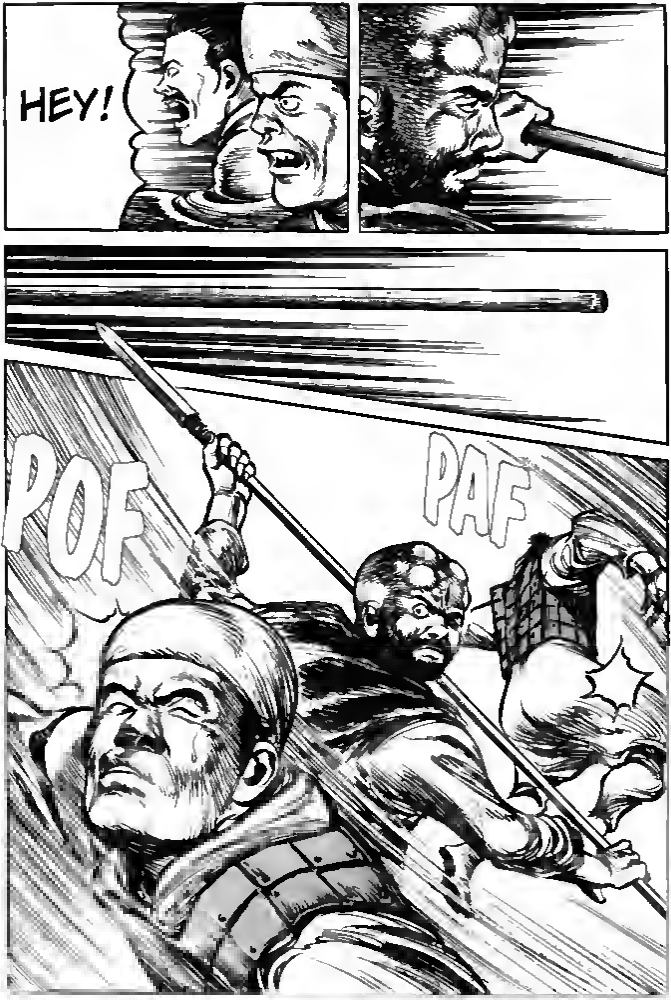
HOUBA
HOUWA


HOUWA
HOU
HOUWA

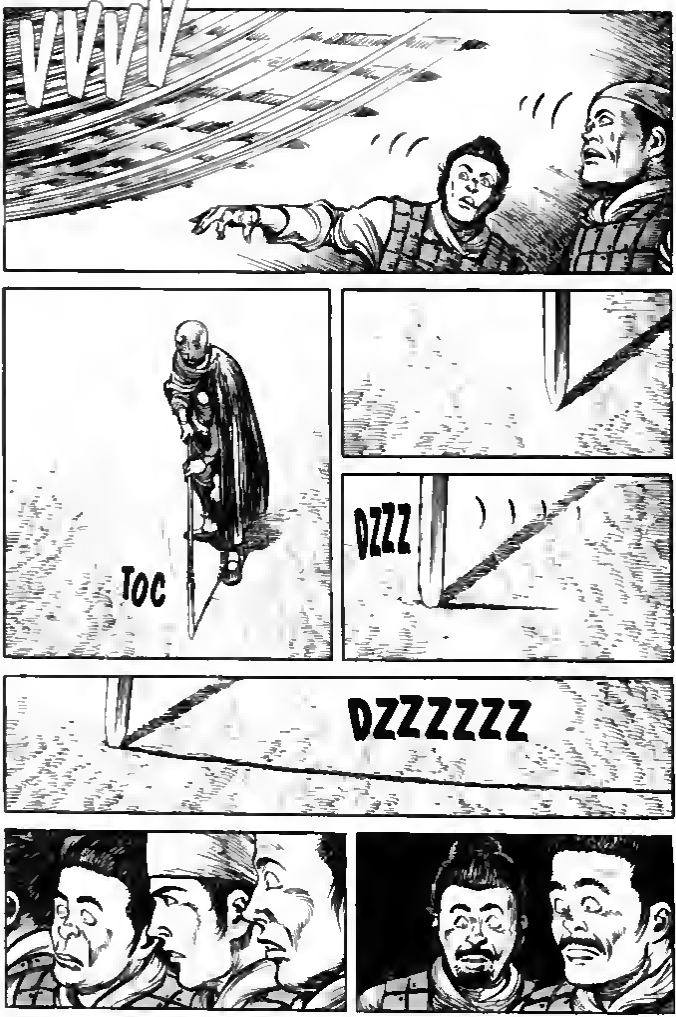
LET US PASS!

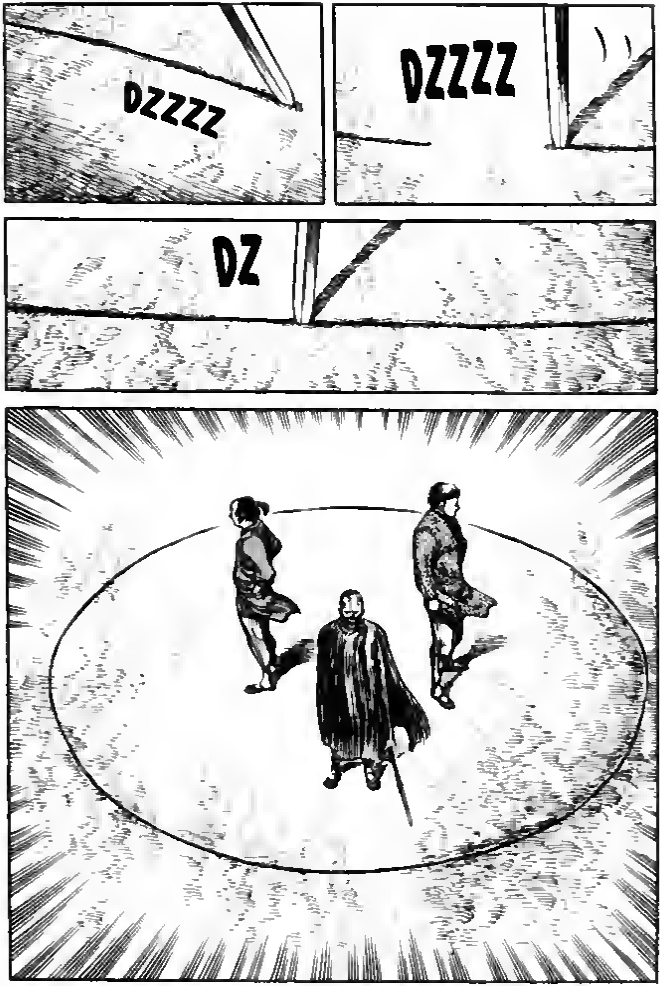
HAH!
SHSHSH
DJJAH
TOING
THE ONLY PLACE YOUR GOING IS TO THE OTHER SIDE!

OUCH!
GGH
PAF

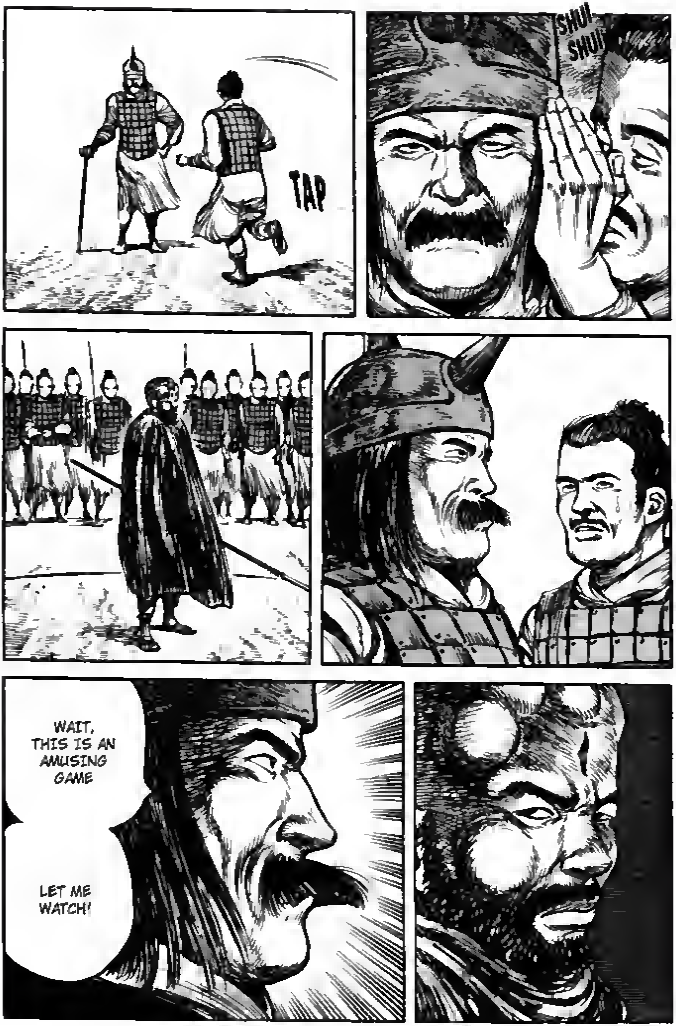

HEY!
POF
PAF

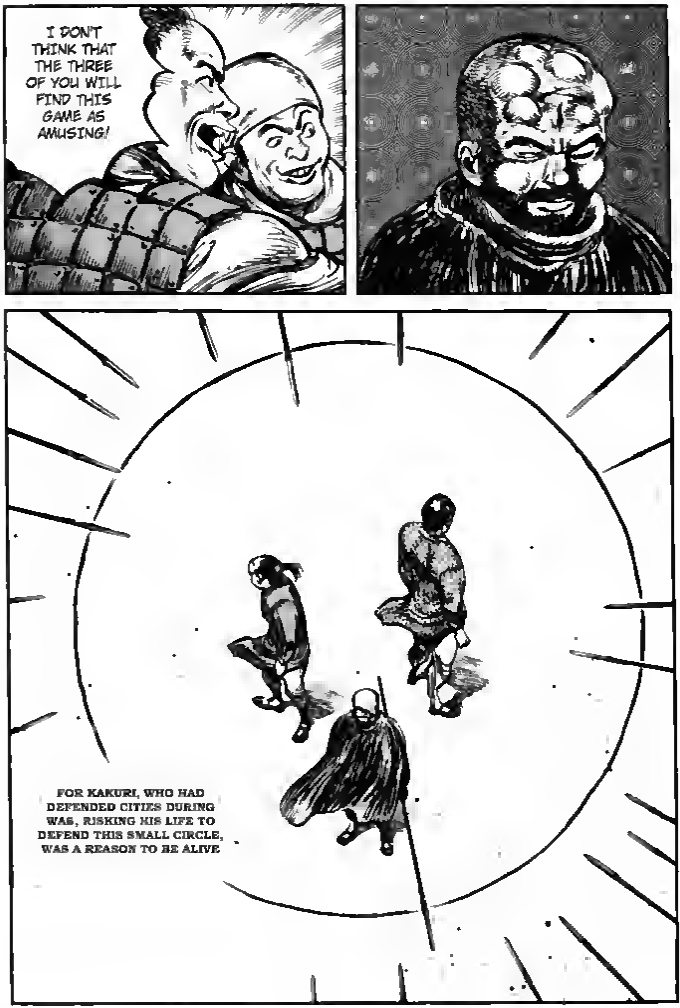
OUOUH
AH
SON OF A ...
DZAH
VVVV


VVVV
TOC
DZZZ
DZZZZZZ


DZZZZ
DZZZZ
DZ

THIS CIRCLE IS MY FORT-RESS!
I WILL USE ALL THE COMBAT TECHNIQUES OF THE MEN OF BOKK TO DEFEND IT
WHAT IS THIS?


TAP
SHU-
SHU-
WAIT, THIS IS AN AMUSING GAME
LET ME WATCH!


I DON'T THINK THAT THE THREE OF YOU WILL FIND THIS GAME AS AMUSING!
FOR KAKURI, WHO HAD DEFENDED CITIES DURING WAS, RISKING HIS LIFE TO DEFEND THIS SMALL CIRCLE, WAS A REASON TO BE ALIVE

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CHAPTER 09
THE CHALLENGE IN THE CIRCLE

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AND NOW WHAT?
HOW WILL YOU DEFEND IT, YOUR "FORTRESS"?
HEY, MAN OF BOKK! WHY DON'T YOU SHOW US YOUR POWERS!

DIE KAKURI!
SHSHSH

TCH'K

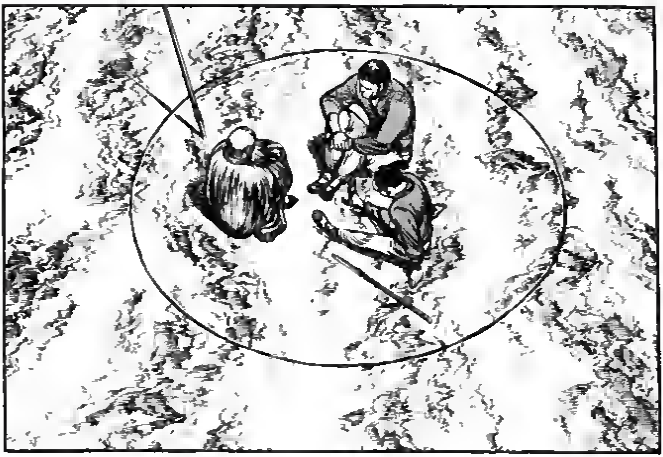
JAK

OOOH!
TAC
I AM READY TO DIE!
COME ON, COME ON! I'M WAITING!
WHO WANTS TO DIE? WHO'S TURN IS IT? COME HERE!

WAIT
JUST WAIT!
THEY DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO EAT!
NO MATTER WHAT THEY DO, THEY WILL END UP LEAVING THE CIRCLE
THERE'S NOTHING THEY CAN DO ABOUT IT!
A FEW CAN STAY HERE AND GUARD THEM, EVERYONE ELSE, LEAVE!
DO YOU ALWAYS EXPECT TO WIN?
I NEVER EXPECT TO WIN!
WHAT?

A MAN OF BOKK MUST DEFEND HIS POSITION FOR AS LONG AS HE CAN, THAT DOESN'T MEAN THAT HE'LL EVENTUALLY WIN!
THAT'S WHAT SIGNIFIES A MAN OF BOKK. EVEN IF HIS DEFEAT IS OBVIOUS, HE MUST FIGHT UNTIL THE END!
EVEN THIS SMALL CIRCLE I WOULDN'T MIND DYING IN ORDER TO DEFEND IT!

WE ONLY WISH FOR ONE THING, AND THAT IS TO LEAVE!
IF ONE OF YOU ATTACKS US, WE WILL KILL HIM WITHOUT HESITATION!
BUT IT WOULD BE MADNESS TO WASTE THE LIVES OF YOUR SOLDIERS, BEFORE THE BATTLE AGAINST SHIN!
DZA
TO WAIT THEM OUT, THERE'S NO HONOUR IN THAT, YOU'RE ALL COWARDS!
ME, I'M NOT LIKE THAT, I DO NOT FEAR DEATH!



DAMN, I AM HUNGRY
AHA
THEY BARELY GAVE US ANYTHING TO EAT BEFORE THE EXECUTION. THEY WANT TO STARVE US TO DEATH!

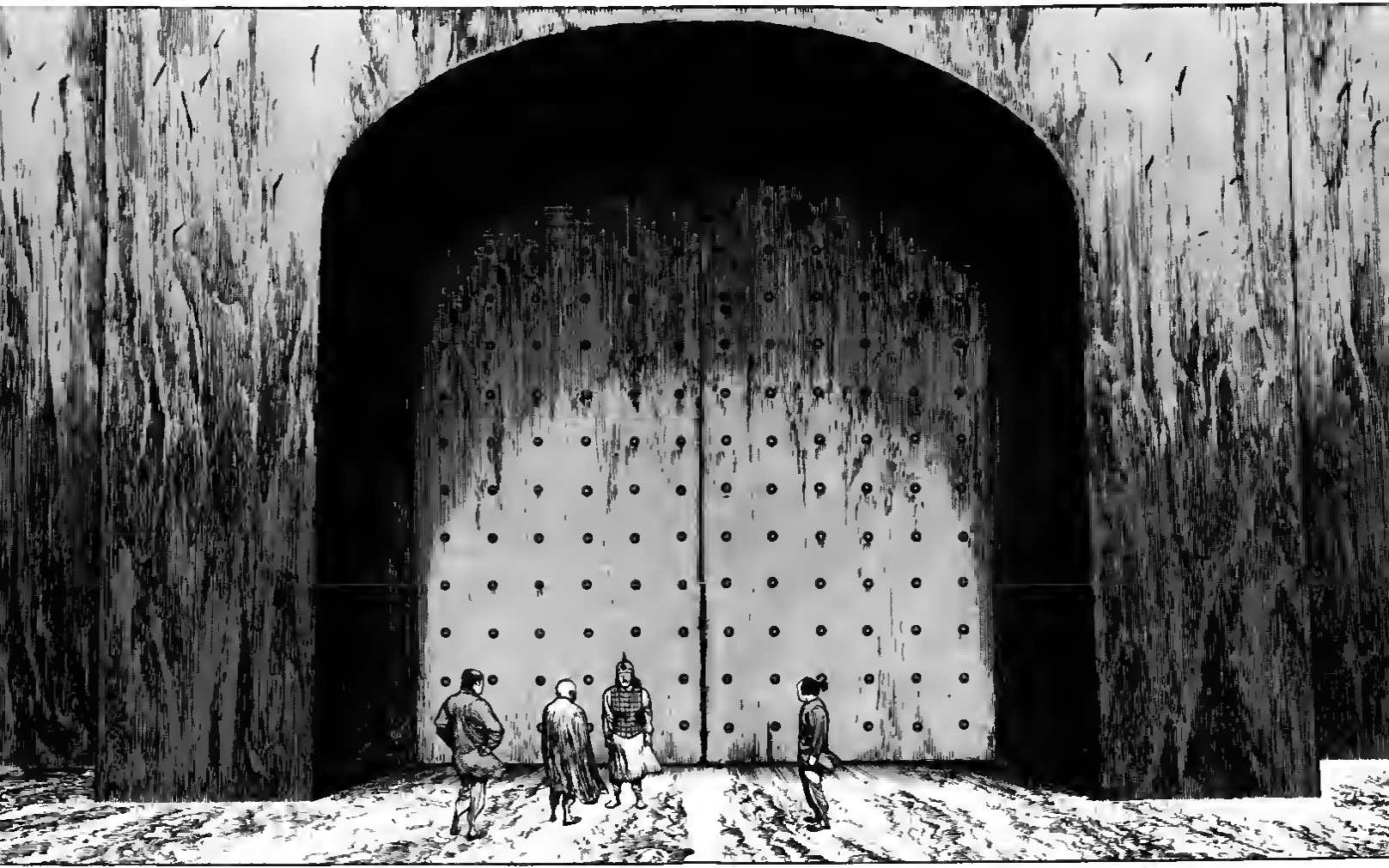
THEY WILL LET US DIE OF HUNGER
NO, SOME-THING WILL HAPPEN,
THERE'S ALWAYS SOME IDIOT WHO WANTS TO BE A HERO!

DADA
DADA
DADA
YOU WERE RIGHT! LOOK, IT'S AN IDIOT!
TAPATAP
TAPATAP
TAPATAP
KAKURI!

PLATCH
KYA
AAH
!!!

HI
HI
HI
WHAT'S GOING ON?
TSA
TSA
TSA
NNN
HE TOOK A HOSTAGE!
KILL HIM!
GO GET SOME ARROWS!
HOWA
HOWA
HOWA

ENOUGH!
STOP THIS NONE-SENSE!
DZAH
I AM SHANU, THE GENERAL OF TCHO! PLEASE EXCUSE THE INSOLENCE OF MY MEN,
I WILL NOW ESCORT YOU TO THE MAIN GATE
WAYA
WAYA
WAYA



I WOULD PERSONALLY LIKE TO REQUEST YOUR ASSISTANCE IN DEFENDING SEI
MY MEN WILL ALWAYS HAVE A DESIRE TO AVENGE KOENTCHU,
AND I DO NOT THINK IT WILL BE EASY TO MAKE THEM TRUST YOU, BUT IF YOU GIVE ME SOME TIME WITH THEM, I WILL SOLVE THIS PROBLEM
THAT WILL WORK JUST FINE, BECAUSE I NEED TIME TO EMBARK ON A LITTLE JOURNEY
WHERE WILL YOU GO?
ALRIGHT THEN!
DZA
DZA

KAKURI, WHERE ARE WE GOING?

TO SHIN!
!?
??
WITHOUT TAKING TIME TO RECOVER FROM HIS WOUNDS, KAKURI LEFT FOR THE COUNTRY OF SHIN. WHAT HE DIDN'T KNOW,
WAS THAT A STRANGE SURPRISE WAS WAITING FOR HIM

CHAPTER 10

THE ROAD TO SHIN

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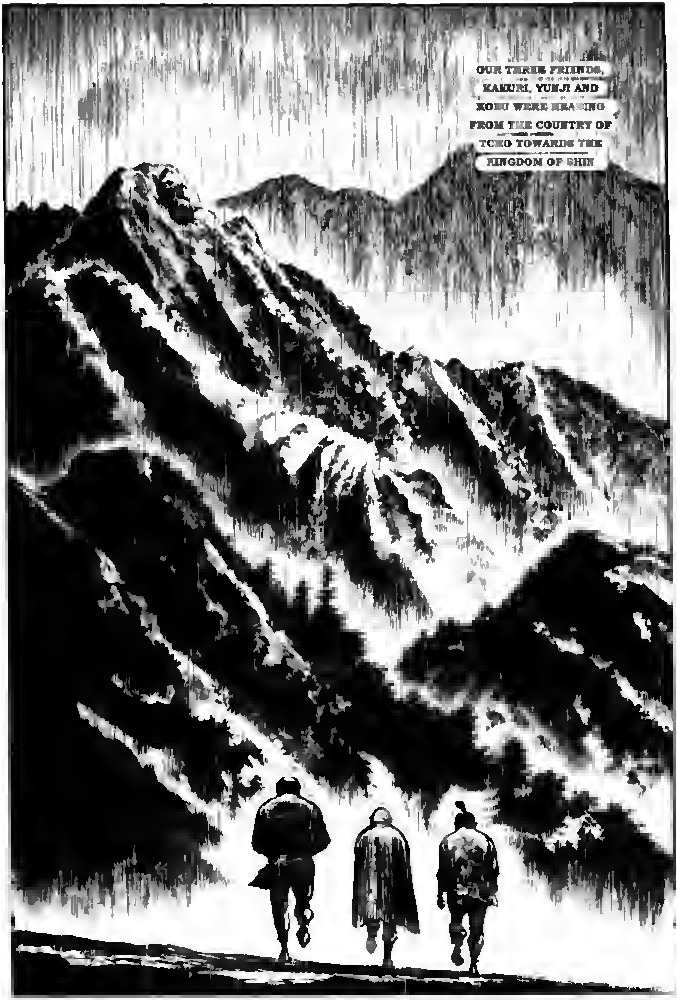
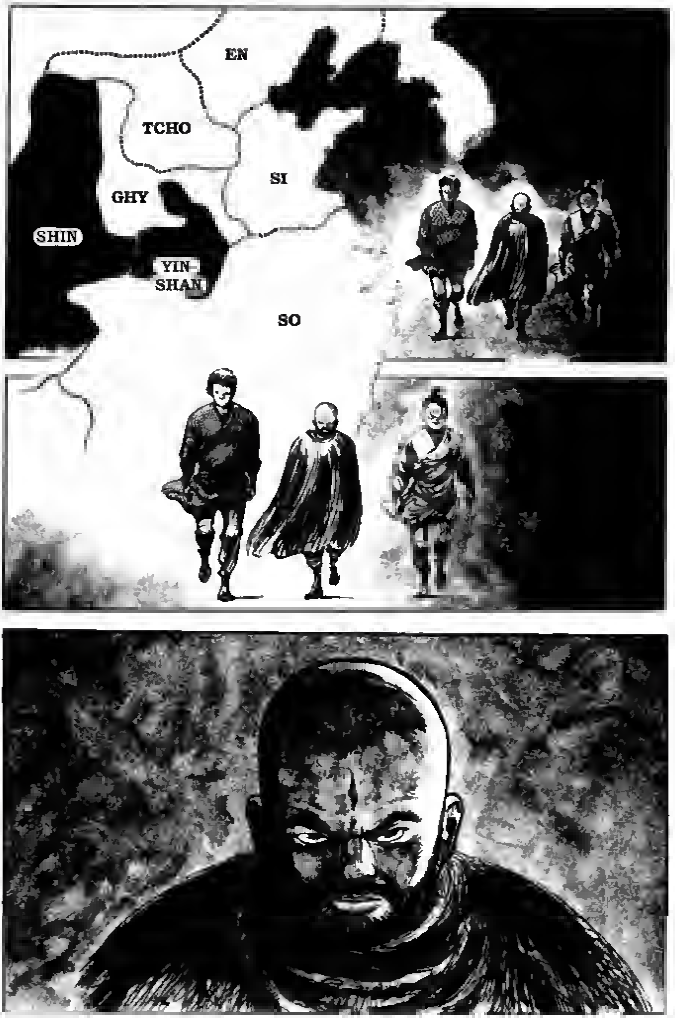
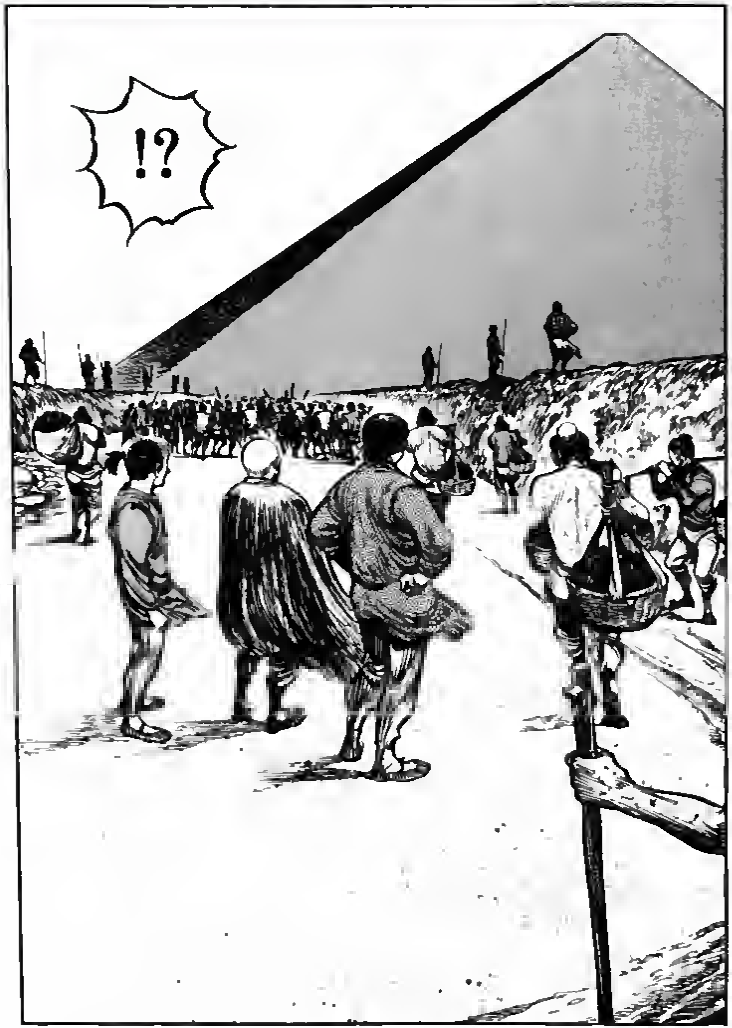

OUR THREE FRIENDS, KAKUEI, YUN-JI AND KOSU WERE HEADING FROM THE COUNTRY OF TCHO TOWARDS THE KINGDOM OF SHIN

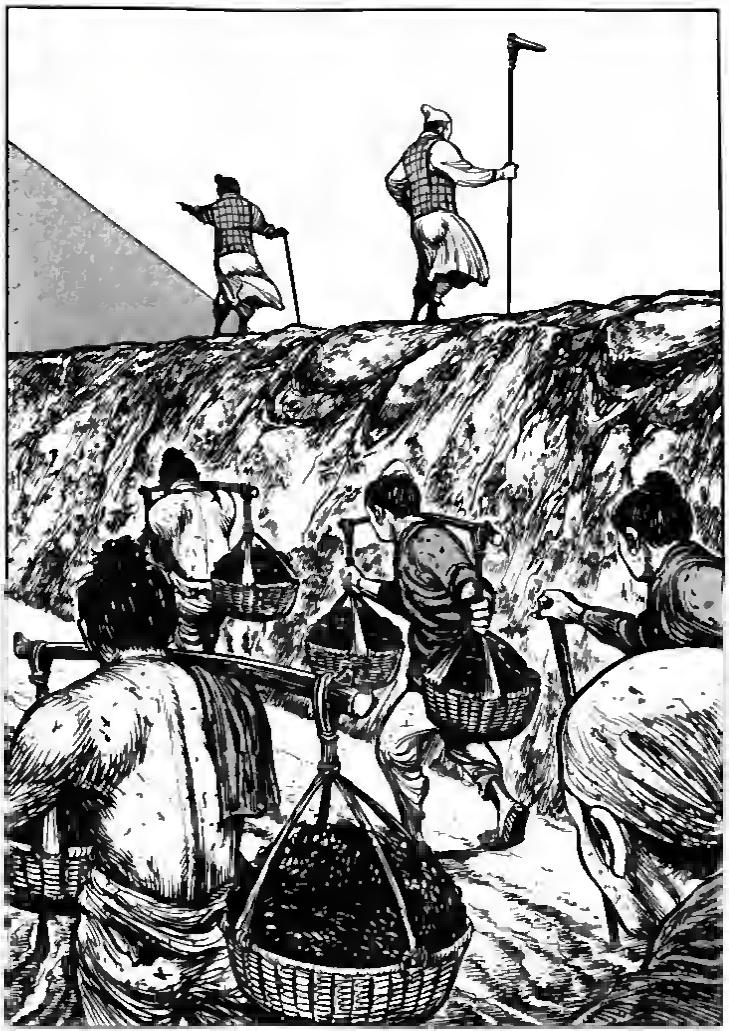

EN
TCHO
SI
GHY
SHIN
YIN
SHAN
SO

I'VE BEEN IN MANY COUNTRIES BUT SHIN I'VE NEVER GONE THERE BEFORE
TO BE ABLE TO DEFEAT THEIR ARMY, I MUST SEE HOW IT IS OVER THERE

THE NEXT BATTLE WILL LEAVE NO ROOM FOR ANY MISTAKES
VVVVIOUHOUHOUH

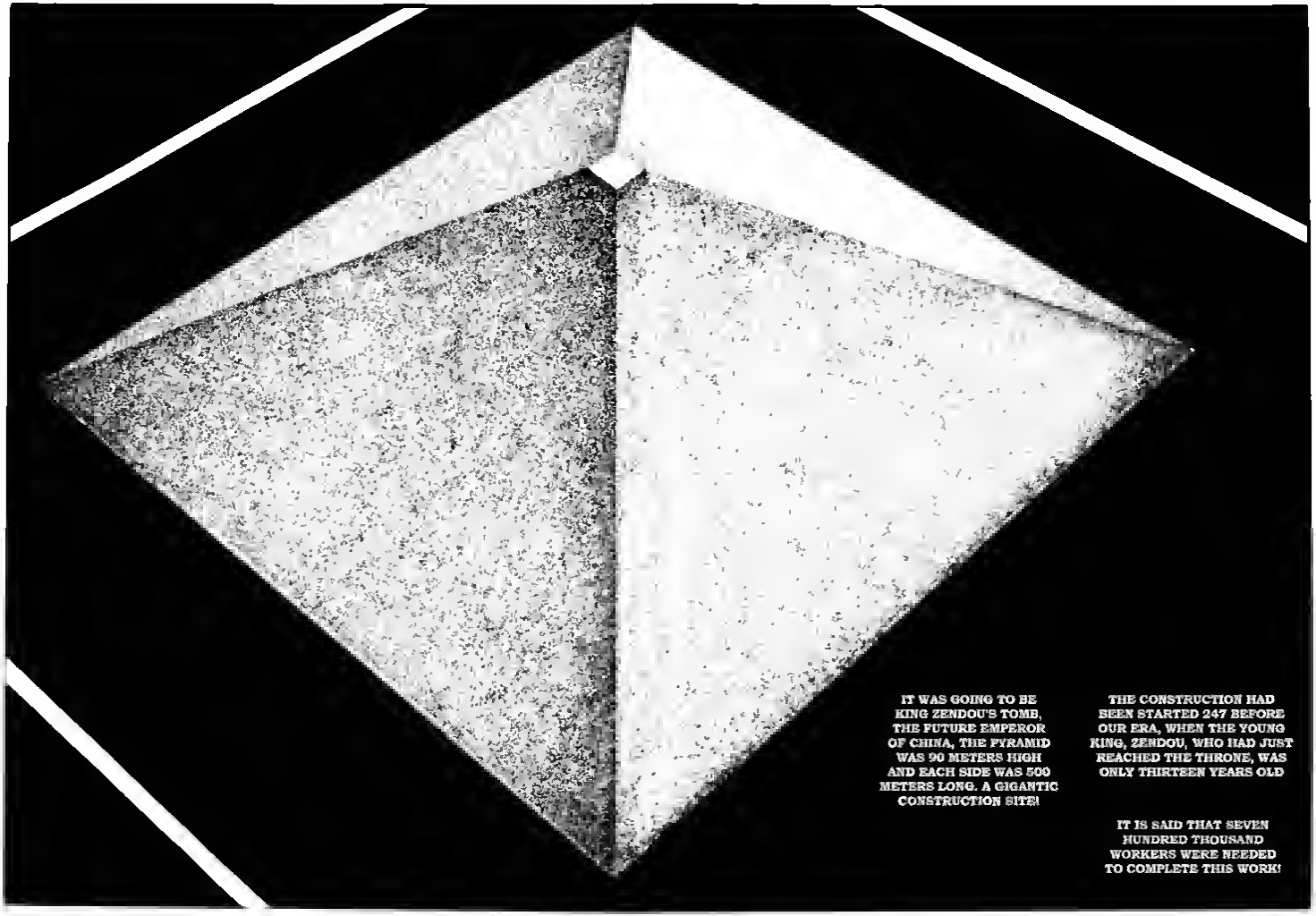
WHAT IS THAT?
LET'S GO FIND OUT





WHAT A STRANGE MOUNTAIN!
WHAT ARE THEY BUILDING?
I DON'T KNOW
HEY YOU!
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?

THIS IS WHAT YOU GET FOR RESTING DURING WORK!
FLASH
FLASH
LASH
FLASH



IT WAS GOING TO BE KING ZENDOU'S TOMB, THE FUTURE EMPEROR OF CHINA, THE PYRAMID WAS 90 METERS HIGH AND EACH SIDE WAS 500 METERS LONG. A GIGANTIC CONSTRUCTION SITE!

THE CONSTRUCTION HAD BEEN STARTED 247 BEFORE OUR ERA, WHEN THE YOUNG KING, ZENDOU, WHO HAD JUST REACHED THE THRONE, WAS ONLY THIRTEEN YEARS OLD

IT IS SAID THAT SEVEN HUNDRED THOUSAND WORKERS WERE NEEDED TO COMPLETE THIS WORK!

HEY! GO BACK TO WORK!
WHAT'S WITH THAT ANGRY LOOK?
I'LL SHOW YOU !!!
SHISHSH
TAC

PAF
KAKURI, ARE YOU INSANE ?!?
GET THEM!
OZAH

TOC
TOC
DA
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DA

WHERE DID THEY GO?
DADADADA
KAKURI, HERE, THERE IS AN OPENING OVER THERE!
WHAT IS THIS?
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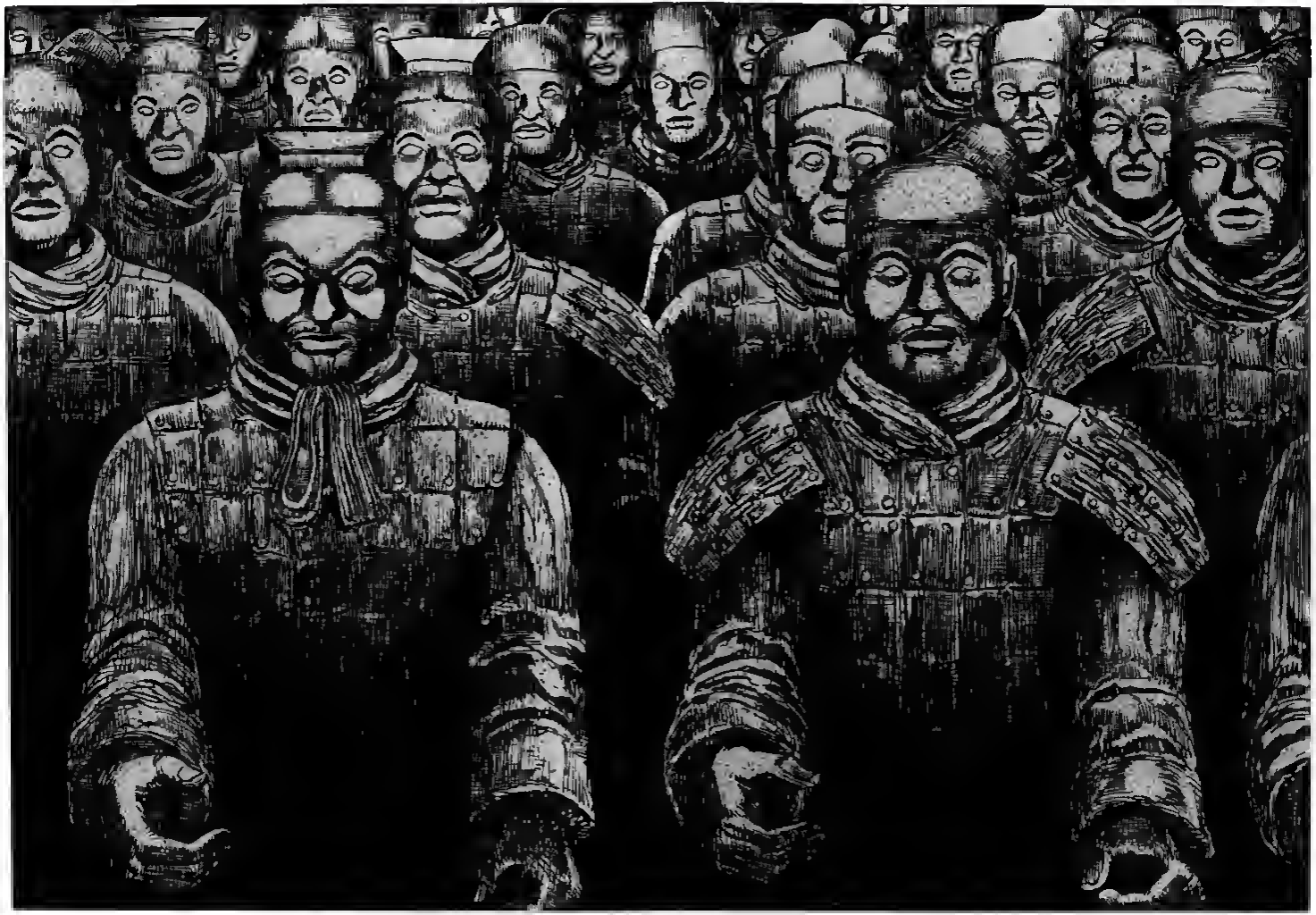
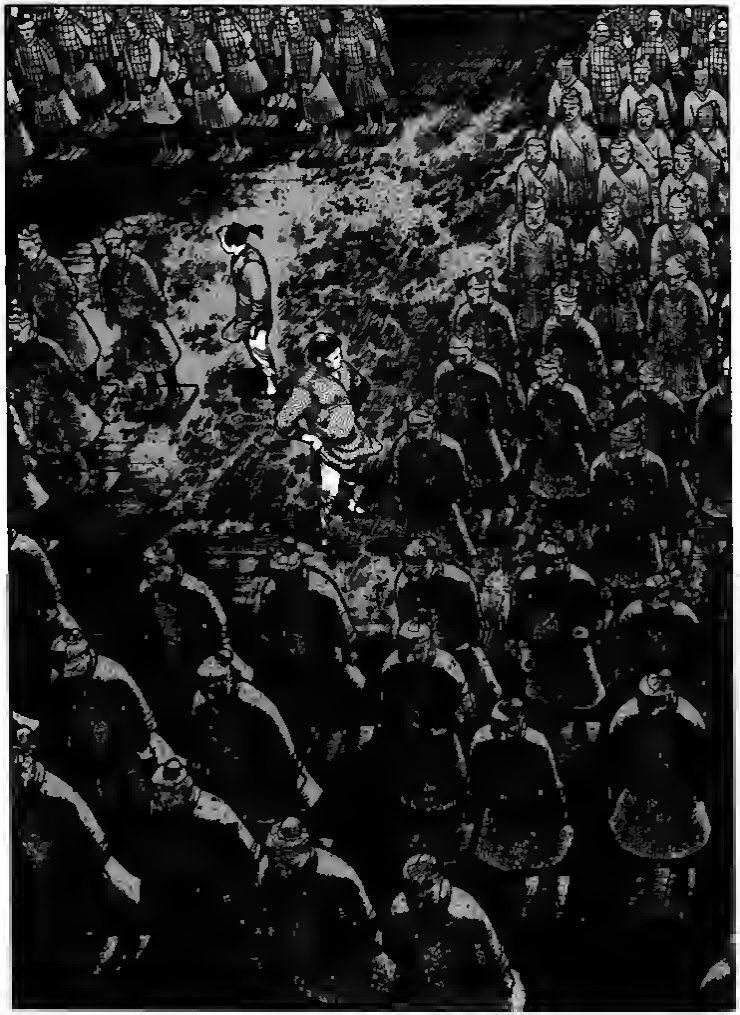
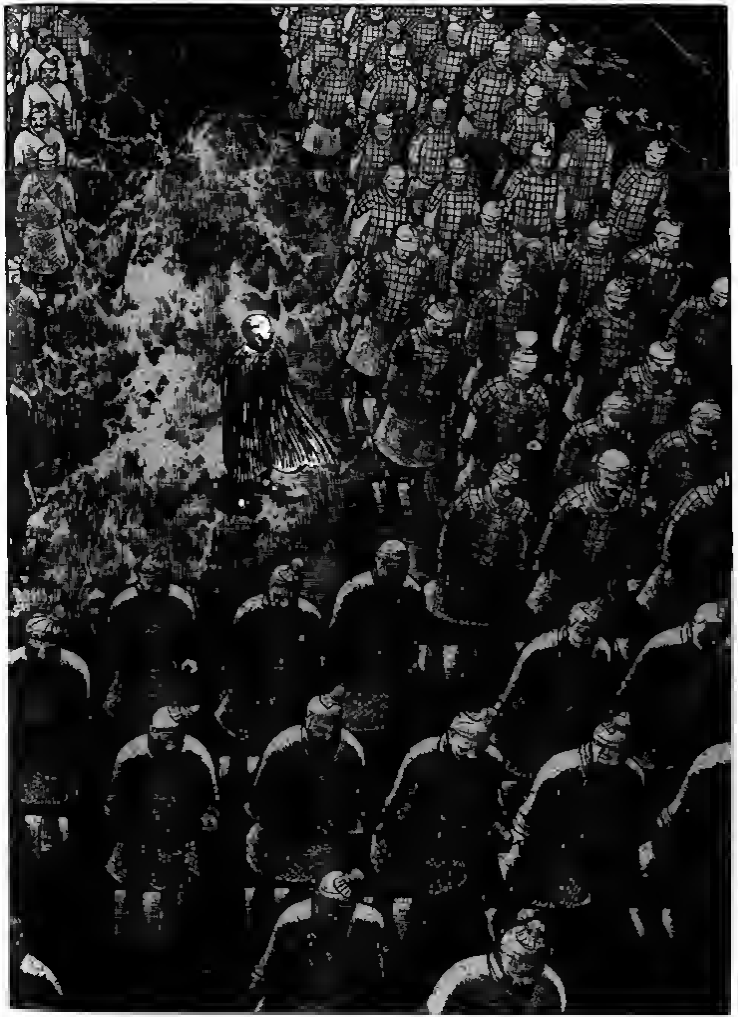
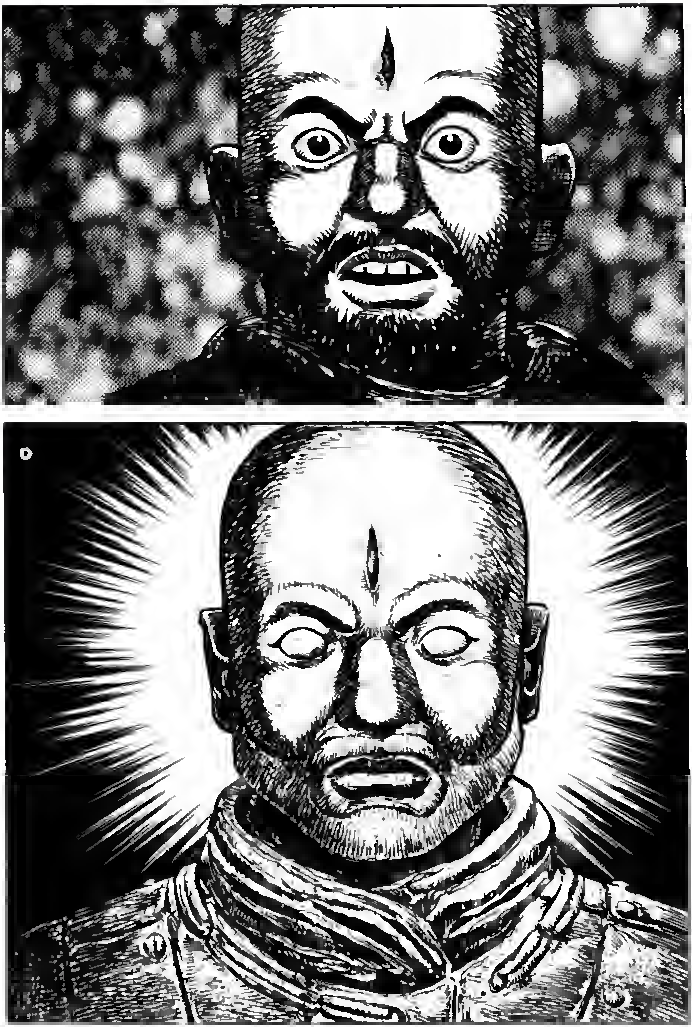






STATUES
THEY ALMOST LOOK ALIVE!
I DON'T FEEL COMFORTABLE HERE
THESE STATUES WERE ALSO PART OF THE EMPEROR'S TOMB. BY HIS DEATH ALL THESE STATUES WERE TO BE BROKEN AND THEN BURIED
THEY STAYED THERE, UNKNOWN TO ALL HUMANS, UNTIL THEIR DISCOVERY, MORE THAN TWO THOUSAND YEARS LATER, IN 1974
THERE WERE MORE THAN SEVEN THOUSAND OF THEM, AND EACH ONE HAD A FACE DIFFERENT FROM THE OTHER. IT IS BELIEVED THAT REAL SOLDIERS WERE USED AS MODELS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SAY, KAKURI, ISN'T THAT YOU?
WHY HAVE THEY PUT A STATUE OF YOU HERE?
I DON'T KNOW!
WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS?

THERE WAS A STATUE OF KAKURI AMONG THE UNDER GROUND ARMY
WHY HAD THE KING MADE THESE STATUES?
KAKURI HAD TRAVELED FOR A LONG TIME TO FIND OUT ABOUT THE COUNTRY OF SHIN, BUT SINCE HIS ARRIVAL, THE ENIGMA HAD NOTHING BUT THICKENED
END OF HOKKO VOL 07